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Major and Blair hit campaign trail

Leaders meet the voters in crucial seats

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR climbed back onto his scapbox. Tony Blair went vote hunting in the constituency that could put him into Downing Street. After all the speculation, the button for a May I general election had finally been

The party leaders wasted no time, and both were on the campaign trail within hours of the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday morning that Parliament would rise for Easter on Friday and not return until May 7.

Mr Major went to two marginal seats in Luton, where he confronted demonstrators and hecklers who tried to shout him down and insisted that over the next seven weeks he would be "there in the middle of the crowd". He received an imme-

The Sun comes out for Blair

The Sun today throws its weight behind Tony Blair, describing the Labour leader in a front-page editorial as the breath of fresh air that

ed and rudderless" and no longer deserve support, it says. The newspaper was vehemently anti-Labour at the last election.

diate boost from Baroness Thatcher, who emerged from her London office to say: "I am fighting for Prime Minister Major and I am fighting with every effort I can bring forth."

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Mr Major said that Labour were straddling a "chasm of credibility" and urged his party to help him to tip them nto the "yawning abyss below". Clearly relieved to get the election under way and relishing the prospect of the fight ahead, he said the contest was "winnable" and that he would win it after a "fun"

campaign.
With education certain to figure large in the weeks ahead, Mr Blair was symbolically visiting a school in south London when the election announcement came. He then travelled west to meet voters in Gloucester - Labour's 46th target seat and the one where victory would point to an overall majority. He declared that Britain could do better under Labour with better

Tourist shot British tourist from south

London has been shot dead in front of his wife after a dispute with a police patrol while the state of the st

while travelling through the

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schools, better hospitals and less violence on the streets. "We are on the verge of a

new millennium. There is so much this country can do. So much talent, resource and energy among its people," he said. "I want a new govern-ment to come in with different values and different priorities to lead a national renewal which will be at the heart of everything

Mr Blair matched Mr Major's assertion that it would be meet-the-people campaign and rejected "the presidential style of glitz and glamour that has been predicted.

But later, in an unguarded moment after a formal interview with BBC2's Newsnight, he was caught on camera saying: "Now the great campaign has begun, we can carry on with this for another six weeks which will drive us all absolutely crazy. Paddy Ashdown headed for

Taunton, welcomed the election and said that people wanted the chance to tell Mr Major what they thought of his Government's "broken promises, incompetence and divisions". Last night he told a reception of the Board of Deputies of British Jews that for 45p per week on tax, class sizes could be cut, teachers and pupils given the books and equipment they needed and top quality nursery education provided for every three

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and four-year-old.

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Give It to me straight, Doc — how long have we got?"

John Major got back on his soapbox (below) to address voters at Luton yesterday, where he braved heckling from protesters. The Prime Minister promised a "fun campaign"

Tea with the Queen then back on his soapbox in middle England

must have made quite a contrast. In Luton town centre yesterday John Major pitched himself into a walkabout which teetered perilously close to mayhem as a band of hardcore militant-style mobsters teamed up with the usual spotty student-demo brigade "grants suck" - to offer the Prime Minister and the electorate a nostalgic reminder of the way we were 18 years ago. "How much did Major pay these people?" I heard a BBC reporter asking colleagues.

There was something sweetly amateurish about the whole thing. To the trilling of a mobile phone and the heckles of beer-swilling English youths, an 18th-century kind of electioneering met a 20thcentury election, perhaps our

As news of Mr Major's swoop on middle England spread, more than a thousand had gathered. Leaping from his green Jaguar near a shop called Going Places, the Prime Minister was quickly engulfed in an extraordinary scratch**MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH**

team of Tory ladies, gamely cheering "Hurrah!", thinthrough to a terrazzo by a faced yobs with shoulder bags. a posse from the Referendum

Party - elderly women with sour lips - and a gathering mass of inquisitive shoppers. Mr Major does what he always does in moments of tension. He started patting people. After a few introductory pats he stormed into a bank, inspected the cash machine and a share shop.

and re-emerged, patting left This was 1990s Britain indeed. Along the first floor of the Woolwich, counter clerks gawped as Mr Major plunged past a baked potato stall.

He then pushed hastily on towards Harveys solicitors. still patting, to a scattered cry of "Five more years" and another of "Give oop, John". A "no-parking" sign as the Prime Minister struggled

Burger King. "You're out Bright!" shouted a pair of greasy anoraks as the sitting MP, Sir Graham Bright, took the microphone and declared "Luton is now a prosperous town". But the loudspeakers were faulty and most of the speech sank beneath the loyal cheers of Tory ladies and a chant of "what do we want? More money for

students!" Then the Prime Minister mounted his famous soapbox. There was a shout of "ten more years", another of "boring" and then a sort of hush. Mr Major began to speak. They won't stop the Conservative Party" he

declared. "You're lying!" shouted a Geordie. Then he revised his heckle. "You've got a nerve -but you're lying." It was in

tribute of the afternoon.

Some of Mr Major's speech was audible. He looked at times rattled but always determined. As he made his way towards the waiting cars the police appeared to lose control and he was almost pinned against the Alliance & Leicester Building Society. "More uniforms!" barked a slightly panicky police voice into a walkie-talkie. "Eighteen more years!" shouted one

hrave lady. Behind the Prime Minister, they retrieved the wooden soapbox which, should he win this fight, will be parcelled up and auctioned in bits as holy relics for centuries to come. At the bus stop outside the

town hall, a little troupe of pensioners awaited their bus. Mr Major came, saw and patted. The crowds came. The police came. And, finally, all departed as the prime ministe-

rial Jaguar sped off up the hill. Previously engulfed, the bus stop came back into view. The pensioners were still there.





British nuns flee clinic as priest | Rail guard attacks the holds off armed Albanian mob

By Anthony Loyd in Tirana and Mark Henderson

order fled an armed mob who looted their clinic in the Albanian town of Korce, a spokeswoman for the order said last

There were unconfirmed reports that a Canadian priest held off the crowd with a gun until they were able to escape. The nuns, from the Nottingham-based Little Company of Mary, are now thought to be travelling to Athens or Corfu after resting in the Greek border town of Kastoria. Sister Elizabeth Farmer, 60, is

from Ealing in west London, and Sister Anita MacDonald, 50, is from South Uist in the Hebrides — of the other nuns two are Irish and one is Australian.

The sisters were forced to

flee Korce in a van last Thursday as Albania descended into anarchy. They managed to cross the border on Friday despite roadblocks set up outside Kastoria.

The Canadian priest and two other British women thought to be nuns - have decided to stay in Korce, a Foreign Office spokesman confirmed yesterday. Sister Geraldine Mackin, a spokeswoman for the Little Company of Mary, said last night that the nuns were shaken by their ordeal but otherwise were in good spirits.

They are determined to get back in there," she said. "They were running the only clinic in town which cares for the sick and the dying, and the town needs them more than ever."

The well-equipped health centre, named after the order's founder, Mary Potter, opened last October with funding from the European Union. The louters were probably after the clinic's supply of drugs and the computer and communications equipment which was kept there.

Mary Potter founded the order in Nottingham in 1877 to care for "the sick, the needy and the dying". Its 700 members are nicknamed the Blue Nuns" hecause of their deep blue habits. In 1995, in her Christmas message, the Queen praised one of its nuns. Sister Lthel Normoyle, as a new Mother Teresa for her work in South Africa.

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fat French controllers By Stephen Farrell

tion of providing even a half-

A GUARD had an unexpected announcement for commuters forced to squeeze on to the 7.00 am service from Ashlord, Kent, to London Charing

As the train had only four carriages instead of the usual eight, passengers should, he told them, feel free to pull the emergency cord to register their disapproval.

He also read out the address of the company which runs the South Eastern service, Connex, which is owned by the French Compagnie Générale des Eaux, According to reports Andrew Watson, 43, also told the passengers: Connex is owned by a group of fat French peasants whose only interest in life is making

decent service." Yesterday, from his council house in Ashford Mr Watson said: "I deny emphatically

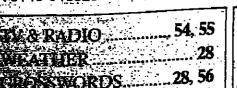
saying anything against the French. What I was saying was a serious matter of After the incident on February 28, Mr Watson was dismissed for gross misconduct at a disciplinary hearing. The company is understood to

> Connex employees on board the train and one passenger. A spokesman for Connex said: "The conductor allegedly made inappropriate comments to passengers. He has been dismissed and his case is subject to appeal. We cannot therefore comment further."

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Hope and fear will be chief adversaries in war of words

lection campaigns are all about symbols and pictures. Yesterday's images on the opening day of the formal

campaign were revealing. John Major was portrayed both as the experienced Prime Minister standing outside 10 Downing Street and then, a few hours later. as the street fighter on his soapbox buffeted by a rowdy crowd in Luton, one of the Tories' most marginal seats.

Tony Blair was presented as the man of youth and the future. standing in a primary school classroom in south London and then travelling to Gloucester, a seat that Labour must win for an overall Commons majority.

As in the 1992 general election, and the Tory leadership contest of July 1995, Mr Major is fighting as the underdog, the man with his back to the wall who challenges his critics and defies fashionable opinion and the pundits to win through. That approach suits Mr

Major.
Unlike many of his MPs. Mr Major is not downcast by the polls. All the preparation is over and at last he is able to get out and campaign around the country. In 1992 the soapbox was only unveiled halfway through a much

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shorter campaign. I wonder whether we may all get tired of the soapbox unless it is used sparingly over the next few weeks.

Mr Blair, by contrast, yesterday appeared less as the battler and more as the confident heir apparent. His language was all of the future — "the verge of a new millennium" and "national renewal".

He used upbeat, positive words such as talent, resource and energy. It sounded, and was, similar to

son said last night: "Our detailed research showed that

his strong anti-immigration

rhetoric transcended the West

Midlands and appealed to the

working class and older patri-

oric voters across the country.

We were able to show that he

moved between three to five

million votes to the Tories in

In the 1974 election his

declaration of support for the

Labour Party, because it was

anti-Common Market, was

equally devastating. "Powell had a strong following still

among the Alf Garnett tenden-

cy. They went with him from

the Tories to Labour. He won

it for the Tories in 1970 and for Labour in February 1974."

Andrew Hargreaves, the

Tory MP for Birmingham

Hall Green, defending a ma-

jority of 3,600, dismissed com-

parisons with Enoch Powell

but insisted that the revival of

the race issue would not

backfire on the Tories or be

blamed on his party. It was

Labour which had raised the

doorstep, and in my election address, that this is a deliber-

ate and cynical ploy by the Labour Party to bulk-buy the

ethnic vote by opening the

floodgates on immigration. It

will backfire. People from the

ethnic community do not want

the rules changed because

they know it causes resent-

'I will be pointing out on the

issue, he said.

President Clinton's rhetoric during his re-election campaign last autumn and to his inaguration address two months ago, when he repeatedly referred to "building a bridge into the twenty-first

The reversal of roles, at least in image and rhetoric, between Mr Major as the challenger and Mr Blair as the incumbent has been shown not just by their contrasting styles of campaigning but also by their parties' different approach to policymaking.

The Tories have in many ways been bolder, more daring, recently in putting forward long-term

provision of social services, while Labour has been more cautious. With a few exceptions, such as its proposals for youth and long-term unemployment, Labour has shied away from radical ideas on economic and social policy that might

provoke Tory charges that the

party wants to raise public spend-

ing and taxes. The rhetorical battle over the next few weeks will be between hope and fear. Mr Major yesterday talked of the choice at the election between the party that had brought about "a revolution

ideas for pension reform, residential care for the elderly and private standards" over the past 18 years and "the two parties that have opposed almost every single aspect of those changes".

He warned about what Labour might do in office, notably its proposals for constitutional reform. The success of new Labour over the past three years has to aliay many of these fears - to make people less afraid of a Labour government

Reassurance is one of what Mr Blair's advisers describe as the three Rs of the campaign, the other two being record (the Tories) and reward (what a Blair government would do in office). In many respects, the most revealing image of the day was in the House of Commons, when Tony Newton gave the first of the two business

statements of the day.
- Lahour MPs looked jubilant, even cocky, so confident are they of victory. The faces on the packed Tory benches were glum. They do not share their leader's eagerness for the fight. Many Conservative MPs were looking around the chamber wistfully. They fear this will be their last week in the

PETER RIDDELL

West Midlanders threaten to upset ethnic applecart

WEST Midland Tory MPs will meet today to discuss whether to defy John Major on immigration and play the race card in the general election campaign. The group will consider behind closed doors a proposal to publish a joint statement condemning Labour Party moves to water

down the immigration laws. The Prime Minister has assiduously courted the ethnic-minority vote over the past year. Some senior party officials fear that the work could be undone by any organised campaign on the sensitive race issue by MPs - many defending marginal seats — operat-ing independently of Conser-vative Central Office.

But some of the Tory MPs claim that they have received private assurances from ministers that no objections will be raised to their activities. "There have been informinal discussions." one MP said last night. "They know exactly what we are doing."

The issue has resurfaced on the hustings after Labour revealed it plans to change the primary-purpose rule, which obliges applicants to prove that gaining entry to Britain is not the primary purpose of their marriage to a British citizen. They would also intro-



Budgen: wouldn't be

RACE ISSUE

duce a right of appeal for those refused visitor visas.

Nicholas Budgen, the MP Wolverhampton South West, defending a 4,966 majority, is leading the moves for a tough joint line on immigra-Writing in The Times today, he says he will not be silenced by the high command: "Immigration is an election issue because it has changed the culture and population of large areas of our

The issue has revived memories the "rivers of blood" speech by Enoch Powell in 1968 at a West Midlands meeting of the Tory Party. Mr Powell represented the same Wolverhampton constituency as Mr Budgen. Four years earlier, the slo-

gan "If you want a nigger for a neighbour vote Labour" was used during a Conservative campaign Smethwick. Labour lost. Research conducted

R.W. Johnson, the political academic and Doug Schoen, now a successful American pollster, in 1974 showed that Mr Powell had a decisive nationwide effect in the 1970 and 1974 elections. Mr John-

> tion an electoral issue." When Mr Budgen raised Labour's plans in the Commons earlier this month he was slapped down by the Prime Minister, who pointedly refused to endorse his criticism. One Tory MP who will be attending today's meeting said: "MPs in big cities live with immigration every day. MPs in Huntingdon do not."

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Switch by Major on the TV challenge

DEBATE

By JILL SHERMAN AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

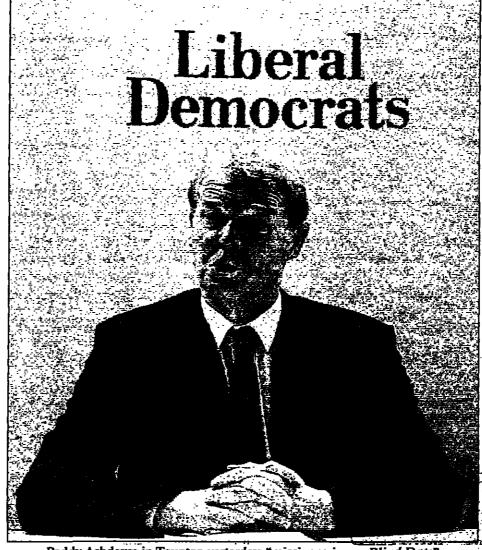
JOHN MAJOR backed down last night over the conditions he had initially demanded for a TV debate between party leaders, amid signs that an agreement with the broadcasting companies would be reached within days.

The three main parties are studying proposals from the BBC and ITV on the best way of holding a TV debate which all three leaders would accept. The Prime Minister made known on Sunday that the debate should be "prime ministerial" and should be held only between himself and Tony Blair. He also excluded the possibility of audience participation.

Yesterday he softened his position. He suggested that the broadcasters should find a way to accommodate "some involvement" for Paddy Ashdown the Liberal Democrat leader, although he still insists that the main debate should be between himself and Mr Blair. One option is interview with Mr Ashdown in the middle or at the end of the debate.

Senior Tories also said last night that Mr Major would be prepared to consider some form of audience participation, provided it was a controlled event on the lines of Ouestion Time, but they would not accept the format used in the Carlton monarchy into chaos following heckling from the audience.

Speaking outside Downing election date. Mr Major told reporters that a TV debate would "enhance the democratic process". He said: "1 very much wish to meet Mr Blair in a debate. The Labour Party have been talking about this for a long time. I welcome it, providing it's a responsible, long debate deal-



Paddy Ashdown in Taunton yesterday: "missing voice on Blind Date"

ing with detail." The Liberal Major said: "I have some hard to be the sole broadcast-Democrats have threatened sympathy for Mr Ashdown's er, they privately admit that legal action if Mr Ashdown is position. I'm sure the broad-they might have to share not included in a three-way debate, insisting they should be involved under the rules of

impartial broadcasting. The party's campaign chief. Lord Holme, said earlier yesterday that a televised debate which failed to include Mr Ashdown would be like an edition of the TV dating programme Blind Date in which only two of the three male participants were allowed to talk. Later Mr casters might find some way to involve him, but I think the principal debate will be between the leader of the Labour party and myself." John Prescott, Labour's

deputy leader said his party were happy to share the platform with Mr Ashdown. but made clear that they wanted the audience to

While ITV and the BBC are lobbying the political parties possibly with BBCI and ITV each screening one debate. ITV has about 36 per cent of

the audience. BBCl normally has 32 per cent. At times of crisis or events of major national import, the majority of viewers invariably tune into the BBC. However, Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC, admitted last week that the Corporation had "no divine right" to run

Mackay to quit after a radical ten years

SIESENALOR.

THE Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, will retire after the election. He has served ten years in office, the longest single term of any-Lord Chancellor this century.

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

His departure is not unexpected because he will be 70 in July, and even under a Conservative administration, it is unlikely he would have wished to remain beyond the retiring age for judges. But it marks the end of what has been hailed the most radical term of office of any Lord Chancellor, involving unprecedented changes in the legal profession's monopolies and restrictive practices; fundamental reforms to the divorce laws and the landmark Child-

ren Act 1989. His successor is likely to be either Lord Irvine of Lairg, the. certain appointee under Labour, or Sir Patrick Mayhew (or even Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC) under a new Conservative administration. Either man would be hard put. to surpass Lord Mackay, always an outsider to the English legal establishment, in terms of reforming zeal. Some said he was the best Lord Chancellor Labour never had.

... His critics remain, however, perticularly among some senior judges who believe he changed the role of Lord Chancellor from one which straddles the executive and diciary to one purely a government minister. "He took on a brief, and argued it superbly," one said. But he seemed unwilling to fight government policy on behalf of the judges."

His own reforms aside, Lord Mackay has left a legacy which will shape the legal system for the next decade: the appointment of the two most senior members of the judiciary: Lord Bingham of Cornhill, and Lord Woolf of Barnes.

Leaders hit campaign trail

Continued from page 1 under way. And although the

parties will slow down as Easter approaches, the early activity was frantic. Today Mr. Blair will stage his first big press conference, while Mr Major's battle-bus will get an unexpectedly early outing.

The Prime Minister had called the Cabinet together at 10.30 am to tell them that he was starting the longest campaign this century. At 11.20 he left for Buckingham Palace and a special audience with the Queen at which he was granted the formal dissolution of Parliament on April 8. Mr. Downing Street, emerging at 12.35 pm to end any lingering uncertainty,

it was swiftly announced

that the present session of Parliament will end on Friday. a few days earlier than expected. After horse-trading between the two main parties. most of the Government's outstanding parliamentary business will go through be-

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fore then. But there will one last big parliamentary clash this week when Michael Howard tries to overturn a Lords defeat which would give judges more discretion before imposing the minimum sentences contained in his crime Bill.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, refused Mr. Howard's request to allow the Bill through without the Lords change and the fate of the amendment could be decided by a handful of Conservatives. including former home secretaries, who have voiced reservations about the proposal. In Downing Street, Mr Maior said that it would be ironic

if parties that had opposed government policies of the past 18 years were to pretend hey could carry them on. There's been a revolution in choice, in opportunity and in living standards," he said, "At the general election there's a choice between the party that has brought that revolution about and the two parties that have opposed almost every single aspect of those

changes. Later, in a special statement he emphasised his campaign themes, saying: "Either you stick with a party you know about and policies that have

the dark, with a party that you don't know and which doesn't want you to know what its policies are." On Newsnight, Mr Blair

denied that his policy switches in the 1980s meant that he did not have the singlemindedness to be Prime Minister. The idea that I was once a wild-eyed left-winger who just started heing a moderniser in the last few years is wrong. I have always been a

He went on to insist that Labour's policies for schools and the health service were substantially different to the Turies', but he refused to make any further policy promises. saying: "We cannot put 18 years right in 18 days."

Sinn Fein might win two seats

SINN FEIN, the political wing of the IRA, might win two seats in the general election, David Trimble. leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, said yesterday (Bronen Maddox writes from Washington).

The decision by lan Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party to contest almost all of Northern Treland's 18 seats would split the Unionist vote. Mr Trimble said. As a result Sinn Fein might win the new seat of West Tyrone. and was poised to take West Belfast from the SDLP, he

City stays calm, but pound takes a beating abroad

AND ROBERT MILLER

FINANCIAL murkets responded nervously yesterday, Foreign investors were selling the pound, pushing it four plennigs lower against the German mark to DM2.0817.

The stock market ended markedly lower with the FTSE 100 index closing 51.0 points down at 4,373,3.

The City has been assuming a Labour victory and has shown little concern about the prospect. The pound and the stock market have both soared over the past few months. But there was some nervousness among overseas investors. THE MARKETS

The selling, however, owed more to events overseas. London shares were dragged lower by a poor performance on Wall Street while the pound suffered from intrinsic strength in the mark as markets speculated that European monetary union may have to be postponed.

Labour is regarded now as a different animal. John Shepperd, chief economist with Yamaichi International, said: What is so healthy for the UK is the high degree of consensus on economic policy between the parties. Policy simply isn't

With Labour committed both to the Conservative Government's inflation target and to its spending plans, at least for the first two years of. the new Parliament, the City does not expect much differ-

ence whoever wins on May 1. The markets are agreed, for example, that either Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, or Gordon Brown will move swiftly to tighten money soon afterwards. For potential homebuyers, that means a rush for fixed-rate mortgages.

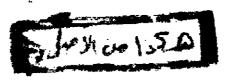
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"Norma, I think they may be taking 24-hour coverage too far."



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TONY BLAIR set out to steal

John Major's thunder yester-

day with a carefully planned

strategy on the day that the

Prime Minister announced

the date of the general election.

chief election strategist, de-

vised tactics several months

ago to ensure that the Leader of the Opposition had his

share of media attention. Yes-

terday was supposed to have

been Mr Major's big day, but

everywhere Mr Blair went, the

television cameras went too.

school, to underline his party's

commitment to education, and

then he would go to Glouces-

ter, the key seat which Labour

needs to win to secure an

overall majority. Work per-

mitting, his wife Cherie would

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On cue: Tony Blair visiting Crampton school

ON THE TRAIL

Labour aides were

all wound up

and ready to spin

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

among a class of children at Crampton primary School in Southwark, south London. Then he appeared late in the evening on BBC2's Newsnight

programme. Yet the Conservatives had appeared to have all the advantages, with shots of Mr Major leaving to see the Queen in the morning, and returning to be framed by the door of No 10 before leaving in the afternoon for Luton. It was Mr Major on his soapbox in George Street, Luton in 1992 that marked the turnaround

in his fortunes. Unlike five years ago, when the box emerged ten days before election day, Mr Major unearthed the battered wooden prop on the opening day of the six-week campaign. The soap box, dormant over the intervening years but now patched up with black adhesive tape, is credited by Tory strategists as being a key element in Mr Major's success

message to the people. Labour strategists had finalised their plans to boost Mr Blair's standing more than

in putting across the party

noon, Mr Blair and the the a week ago, when Julie Evans. cameras were in place. Half an hour later, Mr Major announced a May 1 general election. After a short Downing Street press conference, the cameras switched to Mr Blair, happily talking to the children in Southwark and delivering an upbeat message ing Prime Minister.

In Gloucester, people who had been identified as switching voters were approached several weeks ago. Those who had previously voted Tory or Liberal Democrat were invited to a meeting with Mr Blair on an unspecified date when the election was called. In case any television viewer

headmistress of Crampton

primary, was phoned by his

office to ask whether he could

visit the school, where the

maximum class size is 30, in

"We often get foreign visi-tors here and were quite

happy for Mr Blair to come,

but I had no idea it would be

on day of the election an-

nouncement," said Mrs Ev-

ans. She was told that Mr

Blair would like to "interact"

with some of the 245 children

teachers, and was warned that

television cameras might pur-

On Sunday night Labour

phoned her to confirm Mr Blair would be arriving this

morning. At the same time the

party rang the BBC to offer an

interview with the Labour

Mr Blair duly took the

prime slot on the Radio 4. Two

hours later a photocall was arranged outside his home in

Islington, north London, be-

fore he hit the campaign trail.

phers were tipped off that he

would go to Crampton school,

where he would respond to

Mr Major at lunchtime. By

Broadcasters and photogra-

leader for Today.

line with Labour policy.

had missed Mr Blair, an interview with the presenter Jeremy Paxman was arranged for Newsnight. It was not live, but recorded at 6.20pm, to make sure that newspaper journalists who-were able-totake quotations for the first edition of the national papers.



Cherie Blair leaving for work yesterday. Her outfit was feminine and unthreatening

Sweet reason and baby talk as Blair dons kid gloves

TONY BLAIR may be a barrister by training and a declaimer by inclination, but for the opening meeting of his election campaign yesterday he adopted the style of a sweetly reasonable tutor at one of our older universities. His audience consisted of 24

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drawn around him for instruction in new Labour. The only hecklers were three babies: the meeting had been arranged so quickly that the mothers had had no time to leave them with neighbours. Party managers had chosen

Gloucester for the leader's opening shot. They calculate that the constituency, currently held by the Tories, is their 46th most winnable seat. By Labour's calculations, a majority of one in the Commons would require them to capture it. Local party workers had spent the morning on the telephone chasing up voters who had indicated that they might switch allegiance.

In a hotel's function suite, Mr Blair sat at a low table, jotting down the questions fired at him. He had, to be frank, an easy ride, although the silent figure of Jeremy Paxman waiting in a dark corner to interview him was a stern reminder of the impending realities of campaigning.

New Labour is led by a man who can cultivate diffidence when required. One of the things he wanted to do, he said, was to go out and talk to people, eschewing any presidential-style glitz and glamour. A country-club hotel on the edge of the Cotswolds was the ideal setting.

One of his audience an elderly and soft-spoken lady, set the tone. "I would just ask you not to promise us anything that you cannot fulfil," she said in the voice of Middle England. Mr Blair readily replied: "I can't say I can put things right overnight, but I can make a start." Was this

really a politician speaking? There were all manner of things he could not promise, such as undoing the Tories' enormous increases to prescription charges. Labour

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were making only a small number of promises, and intended to keep them.

"I think the election will be the battle between hope and fear. What we have got to do is convince people of sensible, moderate change. My attitude is - keep what's working and change what isn't." He admitted that not everything in the past 18 years had necessarily been entirely bad.

One questioner feared a relapse into old socialism. Not so, said Mr Blair. "I believe in a simple set of values. We changed the Labour Party because we felt it had moved away from these values."

One of the few promises he was prepared to make was to run a very tight economic ship, telling the electorate exactly where the money was coming from for any new public expenditure. He made much of his contacts with

Asked about Europe, he promised a referendum before any decision to join a single currency. People, he said, did not want a federal European superstate, but they did want a genuine common market. The most important thing is to have a clear, committed British position, and go out and fight for it."

He was all for a debate among the main party leaders, and did not appear to mind whether or not Paddy Ashdown was included. He even said he liked Paddy. But to former Tories thinking of voting Liberal Democrat, or Lib Dems wondering what to do next, he gently pointed out that Labour was the only realistic alternative government.

His polite audience applauded him warmly, and seemed genuinely impressed. David Purchase, 35, an office manager, said: "After this afternoon, you can tell that new Labour and Mr Blair have a clear view of the future. The Conservatives are in a fog." His wife Linda, 34, said: "He seems to care about people; the Tories don't."

Stick with us to the end, says combative Thatcher

POLITICAL REPORTER

BARONESS Thatcher threw herself straight into the election campaign yesterday with an attack on Labour and a call for voters to stick with John

In a short statement outside her office in Belgravia, central London, the former Prime Minister said the idea that it was time for a change of government was absurd. She said: "If you have got a good builder or, dare I say it, a good grocer or a good government, you don't change. You stick with them, and I hope you will stick with us."

Clearly relishing the opportunity to stamp her mark on the election campaign from the outset, Lady Thatcher said: The phrase 'new Lab-our' is cumningly designed to conceal a lot of old socialism. Don't be taken in. Old Labour or new Labour will always spend more money. There is only one place it can come

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from and that is the pockets of the people. Don't risk it. Stay with us and with John Major until we cross the finishing

Lady Thatcher, dressed in a dark navy blue suit and gold necklace, brushed aside — but did not deny — recent reports that she had privately said the Labour leader would not let Britain down. Asked if she thought that "Prime Minister Blair" would let Britain down, she replied: "I am hoping we don't get to Prime Minister Blair. I am hoping we keep Prime Minister Major, and that is the point of everything I have said."

Pressed again, Lady Thatcher, who left office in 1990, said: "I do not expect to see Prime Minister Blair. Mr Blair is different from Prime Minister Blair, I am fighting for Prime Minister Major and I am fighting with every effort I can bring forth."Asked if she

"a good chap", she replied: "I hope you think Thatcher's a good woman, otherwise why have you come in such

Lady Thatcher, who has privately voiced concerns about the Government's policies on Europe, was asked how she thought the issue would affect the election campaign. "I am all for parliamentary sovereignty and it not diminishing further," she said. "I think we are the party most likely to keep parliamen-

tary sovereignty."

Lady Thatcher is preparing to play a key role in the election campaign. She will be touring constituencies in an attempt to keep wavering Tory voters from backing Labour. although precise details have yet to be worked out. "She will be going round the constituencies as she did in 1992," an aide said. "She is very determined to fight tooth and nail for the Conservatives and John

Eschewing fashion for power

By Grace Bradberry

AS TONY BLAIR entered the prime ministerial race, his wife embarked on another competition — to become the most elegant political wife. Power-dressing may be back in fashion, but as Cherie Blair stepped out of their Islington home for the first photoopportunity of the election, it was clear that she would be ignoring the trend.

Instead she turned to one of her favourite British designers, Ronit Zilkha. for an outfit that was feminine and unthreatening. The ensemble, more suitable for lunch at Le Caprice than a day in court, will reassure those who see her as a British Hillary Clinton. She has already softened her hairstyle in an effort to make herself more acceptable to wavering voters. But the makeover does not come cheap: the jacket costs £279, the dress £220. Enough to clothe a large family.



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They're off in the £10m betting race

By JOE JOSEPH

BETTING shops are expecting to take £10 million of bets on the general election - roughly a third of the money we gamble each year on the Derby, or about the same as we wager on the FA Cup and Wimbledon championships combined.

Labour is attracting the shorter odds, but the Tories were proving the more seductive bet yesterday afternoon from punters attracted by the 8-1 odds on John Major winning an overall majority on May I.

Graham Sharpe, of William Hill, said he was offering 1-4 for Labour to win with a clear overall majority. with the Tories on 8-1 and the Liberal Democrats 2,000-1. Odds of 10-3 were available on a hung Parliament.

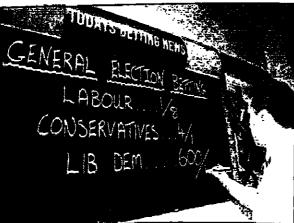
We have already taken about a third of a million pounds so far. I took one £25,000 bet today at 1-7 on Labour being the largest single party from a man who

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raided his building society account. I know that because his cheque was drawn on his building society." Coral had Labour at 1-7 to win outright, with the Conservatives at 4-1 and the Liberal Democrats

William Hill is forecasting that the Conservatives will

get 240-244 seats, with Labour taking 365-369. The firm has also opened a book on who will succeed John Major in the event of a Tory defeat, offering 7-2 for William Hague and Michael Portillo, 5-1 for Michael Howard and Michael Heseltine, and 10-1 for Kenneth Clarke and Stephen Dorrell. 'We've had lively betting on Major's successor," Mr



Ladbrokes' odds yesterday. Bookies expect a bonanza

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Sharpe said, but he will take bets on almost anything. Screaming Lord Sutch has put £5 on himself at 15 milfion to one to be the next Prime Minister, which is even longer odds than the 14 million to one we're offering on Elvis Presley crashlanding a UFO on the head of the Loch Ness monster. A man from west London put El on that last summer. He said: 'You never know.' I said: 'No. you never know. but you can be quite confi-

Mr Sharpe said that the average political het was £20 to £25, compared with a fiver on horse races. The punters were different, too. "It tends to be those people who believe they have some specialist political information that they think they can make count I've had four calls from candidates wanting to bet on themselves."

dent sometimes.

He did not seem to have mentioned the Referendum Party in his odds? "Er. no." muttered Mr Sharpe.

Ex-police chief takes bugging case to Strasbourg



LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE telephones of the former Assistant Chief Constable of Merseyside, Alison Halford, were illegally bugged on a warrant of the Home Secretary, the European Court of Human Rights was told yesterday.

Calls were intercepted both at her home and at her office in Merseyside police headquarters, contrary to two articles of the European Convention on Human Rights, the court in Strasbourg was told. Miss Halford also claims that she had no effective remedy in the British courts to challenge what

discrimination.

The legal action is the latest round in a six-year campaign by Miss Halford, once Britain's highest-ranking female police officer, to prove that she was repeatedly passed over for further promotion because she was a woman. Miss Halford subsequently alleged that telephone taps had been ordered

to try to discredit her because she complained about promotion policies in the Merseyside force. Her discrimination case was resolved with a six-figure settlement in

1992, after Miss Halford, then 52, had

been suspended on full pay amid

ming pool.

But the Interception of Communications Tribunal threw out Miss Halford's separate case in which she claimed that the Special Branch had bugged her office at Merseyside police headquarters and tapped the telephone at her home in Caldy on the Wirral. The tribunal said it was satisfied there had been no contravention of the Interception of Communications Act refusing to clarify whether the interceptions had taken place or whether they had been authorised by

the Home Secretary. The Home Office wrote to Miss dropping by the Merseyside Police on their own telephone system was outside the scope of the Act and would not

require a warrant. Yesterday the judges of the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights were asked to rule on whether telephonetapping breached Miss Halford right to privacy and freedom of expression. safeguarded by the Human Rights Convention, to which Britain is a signatory. The Human Rights Commission, in an opinion not binding on the judges, has already advised that tapping Miss Halford's office telephone was a breach.

Gummer rejects Nirex plan to bury radioactive waste

By NIGEL HAWKES. SCIENCE EDITOR

THE nuclear industry suffered its first planning defeat yesterday when John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, vetoed plans for a key waste-disposal facility. Nirex, the company charged

with building an underground repository for the waste, will now have to decide whether to seek a judicial review or to seek an alternative site. The decision relates to a

preliminary stage, an underground rock laboratory designed to prove that the site at Gosforth in Cumbria, close to Sellafield, would be a safe place to store intermediatelevel waste. About £200 million has already been spent in preliminary drilling and scientific studies at the site.

The repository, if it is ever built, is expected to cost £2 billion. Intermediate-level waste contains radioactive materials that will remain dangerous for at least 10,000 years. This imposes great demands on the design of any repository.

The planning application for the "Rock Characterisation Facility" was rejected by Cumbria County Council in December 1994. Nirex appealed and a six-month inquiry was held, ending in February 1996. Mr Gummer announced yesterday that the planning inspector had recommended rejection of the appeal and that he agreed.

Mr Gummer said he was critical of "poor design, layout and arrangements for access to the site, close to the Lake District National Park. More significantly, he said that "scientific uncertainties and technical deficiencies" in the proposals would also justify rejection. He criticised the process by which the site had been selected and the adequacy of the environmental statement made by Nirex to justify

that selection. Nirex said yesterday: "Our remit is to find a disposal route for intermediate-level radioactive waste. The waste will not go away. We are obviously very disappointed. The company will want to review the planning inspector's report and the Secretary of State's decision letter before deciding on the next steps.'

Environmentalists hailed the decision. Dr Rachel



Gummer: criticised poor design and layout of plan

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Western, of Friends of the Earth, which has opposed the Nirex plans for the past eight years, said: "Throughout its history the nuclear industry has ridden roughshod over issues of public health and safety. The rejection by the Government of Nirex's scientific and technical case has fully vindicated Friends of the Earth's research programme and delivered an historic victory for the environmental movement. The future of

Nirex must now be in doubt." The repository was also opposed by the Irish Government, which earlier this year threatened to take legal action if Nirex was allowed to build the rock laboratory.

Only one other site was ever seriously considered for a repository for intermediate-level waste - Dounreay in Caithness, Scotland. Like Sellafield, it is already a nuclear site, where many local people work. Nirex eliminated Dounreay from consideration and it would be difficult to reverse that decision now. But if it cannot get planning permission near Sellafield, where the nuclear industry has enjoyed strong local support. for a preliminary stage in building the repository, its chances elsewhere look slim. While geological conditions elsewhere may be better, local political opposition would be strong, especially in southern England.

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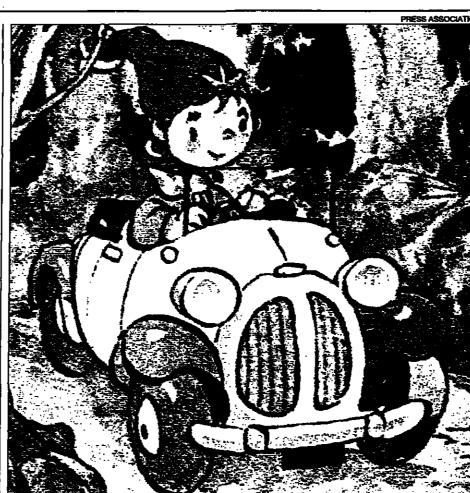
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Toyland on the move: Noddy will speak with an American accent

Noddy heads West, complete with accent and wrenches

By MORAG PRESTON

NODDY is to be introduced to American TV audiences as a little wiseguy who speaks their language. The characters in Toyland will speak with US accents and translated words, such as changing spanner" to "wrench".

The specially made £5 million version was announced

yesterday by the Enid Blyton Company and BBC World-wide for the PBS children's channel, which made Thomas the Tank Engine a big hil David Lane, managing direc-tor of the Enid Blyton Company, said: "The US is a hard market to break into because of the distance and the demanding targets that America

requires from businesses. But we expect Americ children will identify with a little boy who gets into trouble and makes adults out to be the baddies. It could have been

written yesterday." Ben Lenthall, director of BBC Worldwide's international publishing arm, said: "We recognised that for Noddy to succeed in the North American television market, he would require a tailor-made series which would refresh his international appeal.

Networks in the US and Canada have already signed up to broadcast the half-hour programmes, to be produced in Toronto by Catalyst Entertainment. New Toyland characters are being created for the series — a mixture of animation, live action, and puppetry. Existing characters from Enid Blyton's other stories will also appear.

When HarperCollins pub-lishes the Noddy books in the US this summer, it will be the Toyland characters' American debut. A BBC Worldwide spokeswoman said that a the politically correct American market was now unneces sary as the stories, which originally featured golliwogs, had already been shorn of all unacceptable elements for a British TV series.

Part of the reason that Noddy is so late in travelling across the Atlantic is that until 1950 Enid Blyton handled all her own business, including publishing contracts and fan mail. But since the Enid Blyton Company was acquired by Trocadero for El3 million in January 1996, the author's work has raised millions of pounds from publishing, broadcasting and merchandising deals.

Assisted places may continue without subsidy

By David Charter, education correspondent

INDEPENDENT schools are preparing alternatives to the Assisted Places Scheme because of Labour's plans to abolish the private education subsidy for children from poor families.

Labour said that the move, which was disclosed at a conference on the future of independent schools yesterday, justified its plan to use the \$120 million the scheme costs each year to limit infant classes to 30 pupils. Margaret Hodge, a shadow education spokeswoman, said that a chink had opened among

opponents of the policy. Chris Parker, headmaster of Nottingham High School, told the conference at St Dunstan's College, in Catford, southeast London, that his governors were "already planning to finance their assisted places to keep what they have been doing. One fifth of the 950 pupils at his school receive money from the Assisted Places Scheme, which was set up by the Conservative Gov-

ernment in 1980. Mrs Hodge said: "If you can fund such a scheme from your own resources. I am delighted. If we have achieved that, it is all to the good and you can carry on the benefits the scheme brings without having a call on very limited public funds." After the conference.

which was attended by 100 headmasters. Mr Parker, chairman of the assisted places committee of the Head-masters' and Headmistresses' Conference, which represents 250 leading independent schools, said that a quarter of those schools which took the 40,000 assisted place pupils could afford to consider providing places from their own

Mrs Hodge made three promises to the headmasters to settle some of the main doubts independent schools may have about Labour policy. She said Labour had no plans to charge VAT on school fees, nor to change the charitable status of schools. Nor had the party plans to impose the national curriculum on independent schools.

She also confirmed that discussions had taken place with Dr Martin Stephen, Headmaster of Manchester Grammar School, on his plans for opening school sixth forms to bright comprehensive school students who wanted to learn subjects such as Latin or Greek at A-level, or to prepare for Oxbridge entry, However, no decision would be taken on implementing these plans until Labour was in government.

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Loyalist terror is back, police chief warns

Loyalist terrorists have resumed a campaign of violence and there is a risk that they will formally end their 28-month ceasefire, the Chief Constable of the RUC said. Ronnie Flanagan said: "Nobody should be under any illusion that this is part of a phoney war. Every act carried out by the republican movement brings us closer to a total disintegration of the ceasefire in place by the so-called Combined Loyalist Military Command." John Slane, a Roman Catholic father of ten shot dead on Friday, was buried yesterday. Earlier this month, a bomb containing 25lbs of commercial explosive failed to detonate outside Sinn Fein offices in Monaghan.

Bloody Sunday claim

New evidence about Bloody Sunday, when 14 civilians were shot dead in Londonderry by the Army, has been described as "very serious" by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister. He said in Washington that claims by a paratrooper on duty on the day could prompt a reassessment of the shootings. The soldier told an Irish newspaper that his original evidence intended for the Widgery inquiry was withdrawn in favour of a different testimony written for him.

New cattle cull starts

An additional cull of about 100,000 cattle at increased risk of developing "mad cow" disease has begun after months of delay and a change of mind by the Government. The aim is to target cattle which ate the same feed when young as other animals that have since died of BSE. This selective cull is in addition to the slaughter of all cattle over 30 months old, under which 1.3 million animals have been destroyed since

£2.5m cathedral grant

Canterbury Cathedral has been awarded E2.5 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to build an education centre. The grant matches money raised by cathedral authorities to begin the first phase of a £7.5 million development aimed at children and young people. The education complex, which is due to be completed by 1998, includes a 250-seat auditorium, two theatres and conference and exhibition facilities.

Papal role for Winning

The Pope has appointed Cardinal Thomas Winning, the leader of Scotland's Roman Catholics, as his personal envoy for celebrations marking the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba, who brought Christianity to Scotland, The announcement was made yesterday in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. The celebrations will be held in Ireland in June. Columba was born in Gargon, Co Donegal, in AD 521.

Gascoigne sentenced

Paul Gascoigne, the England and Rangers footballer, was given a suspended three-month prison sentence hy a Rome court for punching a photographer. Gascoigne, who was not in court, hit Lino Nanni, one of photographed him with a woman in 1994, when he was playing for Lazio. Lawyers for Gascoigne said he defend his privacy.



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Minister's son charged

Alexander Bonsor, 20, the son of the Foreign Office Minister Sir Nicholas Bonsor, has been charged with drink-driving, using a vehicle in an unsuitable manner and using a vehicle likely to cause danger. He was arrested in Bristol, where he is studying politics at the university. Mr Bonsor, heir to an estimated £13 million fortune, was bailed by police to appear before magistrates on Thursday.

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£200,000 for firewoman bullied by colleagues

Recruit was forced to serve tea to men in bed

A FIREFIGHTER who was insulted and bullied by her male colleagues won £200,000 yesterday in one of the biggest sexual discrimination settlements. Tania Clayton, 31, had fought for compensation with her local authority employers for three years.

Mrs Clayton was routinely called a "tart", forced to carry out useless and dangerous drills, physically abused and made to serve tea in bed to firemen. In an attempt to scare her out of the service Mrs Clayton was left to sit for an hour at the top of a turntable ladder 100ft above the ground.

She said her treatment by Hereford and Worcester Fire Brigade caused the collapse of her marriage and a bout of depression. An industrial tribunal said in 1994 that the brigade "should bear an individual and collective shame for most appalling discrimination".

Since then, Mrs Clayton has been arguing for £500,000 compensation against Here-

By Shirley English

A FTREMAN felt he had become a jinx on

young lives after seeing the victims of two

multiple deaths. In a vision that was to

haunt him, Francis Connelly looked at the charred body of a dead girl and imagined that her lips were moving, begging him

The girl was sitting upright in the doorway to her mother's bedroom. She was one of four dead — three of them

children - who were found after a house

blaze was put out. Two months earlier.

Mr Connelly was at a car crash scene in

Mr Connelly, 41, of Dunfermline, Fife,

became unfit to work because of post-

traumatic stress disorder. However, the

fire service's insurers refused to accept a

claim, saying that he had not suffered

where five young men died.



Clayton: left on top of 100ft ladder for an hour

Council and accepted yesterday's reduced figure after 90 minutes of negotiations, just before an industrial tribunal in Shrewsbury was due to

hear her claim. Mrs Clayton said she hoped the size of her settlement would force local authorities to eradicate sexual discrimination in fire brigades. She is still unemployed and lives with her parents in Wiltshire since leaving her husband and two stepsons two years ago. later and joined Green Watch She conceded yesterday that so that she might avoid Mr

plans. "I just want to get a place of my own with a garden where I can spend some time with my Staffordshire bull terrier and sort out my life."

Janet Smith, her solicitor, said the compensation reflected "the nine years of Tania's life the legal action and the fire service had taken". It had been only in the past fortnight that the local authority had apologised to Mrs Clayton, despite the condemnation by the 1994 tribunal, she added.

The county council yesterday blamed the size of Mrs Clayton's original compensation demand and "the protracted legal process" for the delay in agreeing the award. Mrs Clayton joined the fire

service in December 1989 after five years in the Women's Royal Army Corps. She was eventually assigned to Blue Watch at Hereford under subofficer Ronald East, who told her to get a job in a kitchen. In June she was transferred

to Worcester station but re-

turned to Hereford two years

Fireman haunted by face of dead

girl feared he had become a jinx

stage of a legal fight to seek compensa-

tion. At the Court of Session, Edinburgh, Lord Coulsfield granted him the right to pursue a £30,000 claim against New

Hampshire Insurance Company, and ruled that he did "suffer something which

can properly be described as a bodily

The fireman began suffering from

flashbacks, recurring bad dreams and intense psychological distress in January

1993, and claimed his disability arose

from two horrific incidents. The first was

in November 1992 when five young men

died in a road accident for no apparent

reason. He felt that the date - Friday the

On January 18, he was called to a house

fire on night duty and had to enter the

premises after the blaze had been put out.

13th — was somehow malign.

injury to his person".

and insults continued. Mrs Clayton was notified of her retirement from the brigade through ill health in July 1994, a day before her complaint was due to be heard at an industrial tribunal. The 23-day hearing was told

East, but cruelty, victimisation

that a senior brigade officer introduced her to colleagues by saying: "The good news is you are getting another mem-ber of the watch. The bad news is that the new member of the watch is a woman." She was also referred to as a "stupid cow" and a "tart". The tribunal was told that the fire service was "deeply ingrained

with a culture of hostility to

women". For 15 months as a firefighter she was forced to make the tea. "I knew I was entering a male environment and did not expect them to stop swearing or open doors for me." she said, but senior officers' insults "lowered my status".

An internal fire brigade disciplinary hearing cleared Mr East of wrongdoing. Under the brigade's rules the

children and their mother. Dr lan

Tierney, a clinical psychologist, said that when Mr Connelly reached the head of

the stairs he had a "very brief and shocking image that the dead child in the

doorway was still alive and that her lips

were moving, calling for him to help her.

some way he was responsible, that he was

a Jonah and that, if he had not been there,

The fireman left his job in October 1993.

Ruling on the preliminary point, Lord Coulsfield said: "Even though such

unpleasant sights may be something

which a fireman has to anticipate, the

particularly distressing circumstances

may be sufficiently unexpected and have

sufficiently unexpected consequences to

provide the necessary fortuitous element."

the deaths would not have occurred."

His thoughts at that time were that in

Husband 'let lodger sleep with wife, then shot him'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A HUSBAND suffering from impotence shot his lodger for having sex with his wife, the Old Bailey was told yester-day. The lodger said that he had the husband's permission to sleep with her.

Hans Potter, 64, a diabetic allegedly fired a .22 Winches ter pump-action rifle through the bathroom door, severely wounding Keith Thomas in the back of the neck.

Simon Wilde, for the prose cution, told the jury: "Mr Potter was prepared to turn a blind eye to the affair. Mrs Potter had certain needs in that department of life which Mr Potter could not fulfil.

"Notwithstanding the triangle between them, and the fact that it caused friction, Mr Thomas and Mr Potter remained friendly, man to man. It was a situation, an arrangement, a set-up between three people that was likely to give a lot of scope for jealousy and pent-up resentment."

Mr Potter, a commodities trader, first caught his wife, Virginia, and Mr Thomas in bed together in August 1995 and fired the rifle six times at the wall behind them to frighten them. They stopped their affair but resumed it a

Mr Thomas, 52, an electronics engineer, told the court: Mr Potter got to know when Virginia and I restarted our relationship because he sent her to me. He and I discussed it later. He wanted Virginia to spend the nights with him, but did not object to our relationship. He just wanted it kept quiet, so none of the neighbours or fellow lodgers knew.

"Later he asked to be notified before we went to bed but I didn't agree to let him know beforehand. I said it was ridiculous." Last April the three ate

dinner together at Mr Potter's house at Holmbury St Mary, Surrey, drinking four bottles of wine before Mr



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Potter went to his club. Mr Thomas said: "When he left, Mrs Potter and I drank some more, at least another bottle between us.

"After about half an hour, Virginia got up and took me by the arm and towed me into the small spare bedroom. I didn't know what she wanted, to begin with. I closed the

We fumbled around a little, then gave it up and went back to the kitchen. I wasn't up to it anyway, because of the drinking. She was fairly

returned and shouted about the bedroom curtains being closed, saying, "I am going to shoot you." Mr Thomas said his last coherent memory was opening the bathroom door. The bullet fragmented beside his spinal column and surgeons decided it was too langerous to remove it.

Mr Potter denies attempted murder, two wounding charges and having a firearm with intent to endanger life. The trial continues today.

Surgeon in deaths inquiry decides to retire

By A STAFF REPORTER

A HEART surgeon whose standard of work is being investigated after a series of deaths resigned yesterday. James Wisheart, cardio-James Wisheart, cardio-thoracic surgeon at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, announced his retirement ahead of the inquiry's findings, which are

expected in the next few weeks.

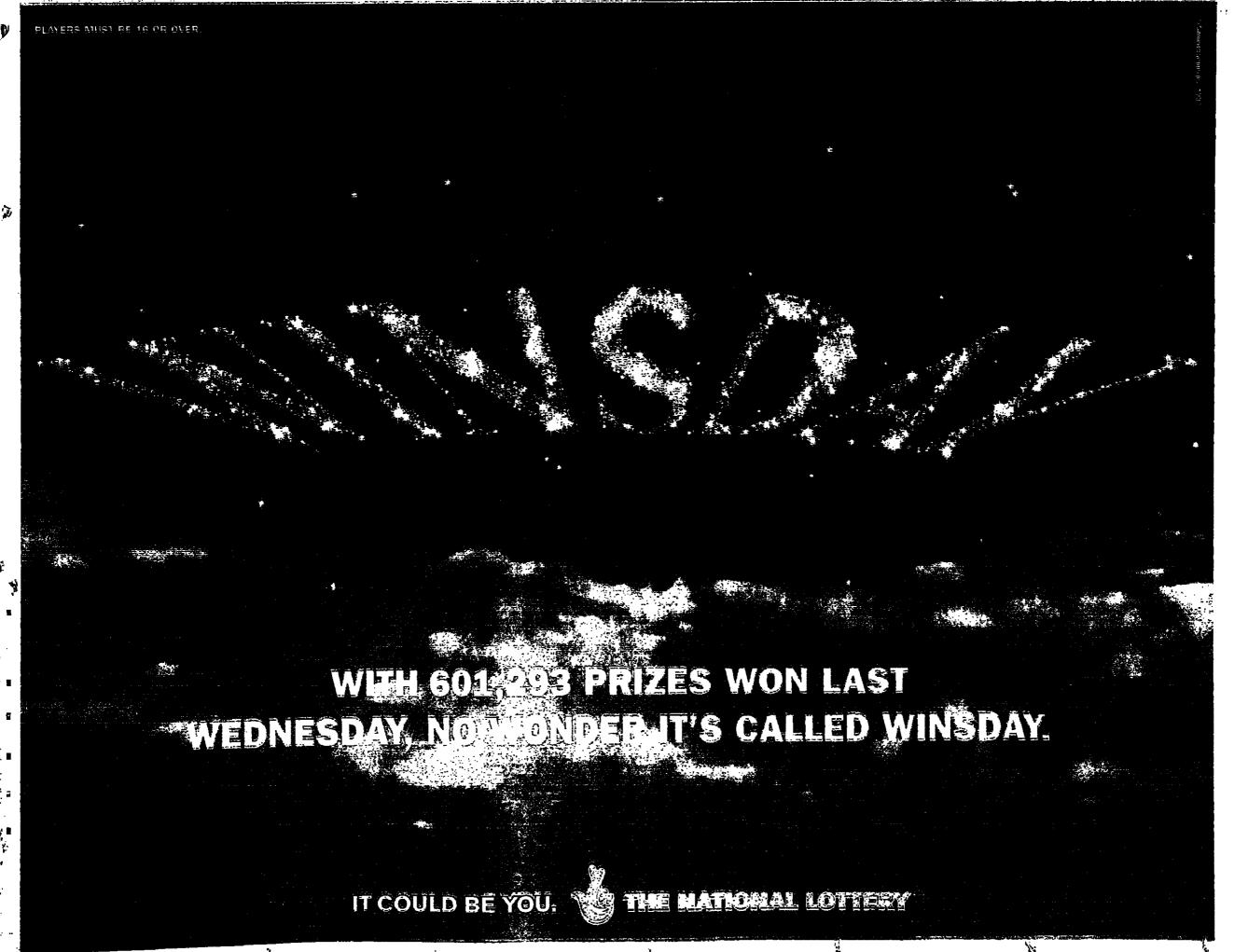
Mr Wisheart gave up operating on children in 1995 after it was disclosed that nine out of 15 babies who had undergone open heart surgery had died. Last December, when medical executives ordered an external review of the quality of adult heart surgery in Bristol, he voluntarily suspended all his surgery and resigned as medical director of the United Bristol Healthcare

NHS Trust. The review, of 2,500 openheart adult cardiac operations between January 1993 and November 1995, has been carried out by experts from St George's and Hammersmith hospitals in London. The review found that the quality of heart surgery in Bristol was in line with the national average but singled out Mr Wisheart for "further investigation".

Mr Wisheart had earlier stopped operating on children after a high fatality rate was revealed in a series of controversial "switch" operations on newborn babies. The operation involved switching the pulmonary artery with the main aorta.

Hugh Ross, chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "James Wisheart has served the National Health Service with great loyalty for many years and he was instrumen tal in the development of cardiac services over many years in Bristol.

"However, recent events have put considerable personal strain on Mr Wisheart and the trust supports and under-stands the decision he has now



'Some of these people fought in the war. People don't care about the elderly any more'

Residents given 3 days to leave old people's home

RESIDENTS of an old people's home are desperately seeking new homes after being given just three days to get out before the bailiffs arrive tomorrow

The 20 pensioners living at Withyfield, a converted Edwardian mansion at Farnham Conunon in Buckinghamshire, learnt only on Sunday afternoon that the proprietors had gone bankrupt and the home was being closed.

Many of the residents, seven of whom are men and 13 women, are infirm and bed-ridden. Four have no friends or family to help them. The enforced move has shocked and confused many, who were expecting to stay at Withyfield for the rest of their lives.

Someone told me they are closing the place down, but I don't know what's happen-

former Royal Marine commando who fought in Normandy and at Arnhem. "I've got no relatives, they're all dead. There's no one to look His friend, Richard Riches,

72, a retired police officer from South Africa, said: "They've said we've got to go, but where are they going to put us? Surely they can't just shut the place down and send us out on to the street."

Since learning about the closure, Buckinghamshire Health Authority and county social workers have been working to find new homes for the residents. Last night, staff were confident that the residents would all be moved somewhere before the bailiffs

Dr Alison Hill, director of public health at the health authority, said: "We have been

> afford to pay it and has no money to meet the wages bill after Wednesday. As guarantors, we have no option but to pay the money for him and shut the business down. "Even though we still have a

five-year lease on this property we shall not keep it open, because to bring it up to standard for registration purposes would require a huge investment which would just not be worthwhile. It will

working closely with social

services to help to ensure that

people living at the home

suffer as little as possible from

the move." The decision to

send in the bailiffs was taken

by TC, a company formed last

year by a merger of Takare and Cavendish Court to be-

come Britain's largest provid-er of residential care homes.

The company owns a long-

term lease on the property, the

first to be run by Takare, after

Tony Heyward, corporate

development director of TC,

said: "We sub-let the lease

over ten years ago when we

realised that it was impossible

to bring it up to standard and

run it properly. It is typical of

the small, poor-quality homes

which we increasingly expect

The proprietor is around E30,000 behind with the rent

and has told us he cannot

to see going out of business

it was set up in 1979.



Residents Richard Riches, left, a former policeman in South Africa, and Robert Benn, a former Marine

probably be boarded up for five years unless we can reach an arrangement with the

Peter Thomas, 64, who sublet the home from Takare, blamed his difficulties on the need to spend more than £250,000 on renovations required for registration. Those included turning all the bedrooms into single ones, mov-ing the laundry to eliminate a fire risk and installing a lift in the three-storey building.

Lorraine Bishop, who works Pat Hyderi, a nursing advisat the home, summed up the

feelings of the staff: "Some of these people fought for us in the war. This country would not be here if it wasn't for them," she said. "All this boils down to is money. People don't care about the elderly in this country any more. I'm ashamed to be English."

☐ Queen Alexandra Hospital at Cosham, near Portsmouth, has opened an inquiry into why Eve Endean, a widow aged 84 who had broken her collarbone, was discharged and sent home in her night-

clothes without a key to her empty flat. Glynis Sopp, her daughter-in-law, had travelled each day from Kent to see her but was not told in advance about the discharge. The am-bulance crew had to find a neighbour who held a key for Mrs Endean to let her into her home at Southsea.

Tony Horne, operations director of the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "We have apologised about the are holding an inquiry."

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So far the scientists have

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neighbour. The experts take

into account factors like the

tensile strength of the fabric,

its resistance to bending or stretching and even the effects

The computer model adds

further information on how

the garment reacts when its

different human shapes.

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Soccer fan jailed for shootings

An Austrian soccer fan was jailed for four years yesterday for shooting two Manchester United fans after a match. Alfred Gockner, 34, fired at four English fans from a speeding car, injuring two seriously. A court in Vienna was told that a dispute began in a bar between the United fans and three Rapid Vienna fans, including Gockner, after the match between the two sides on December 6, which United won 2-0. When the English fans left, they were followed. Chris McKenna and Steven Daye were hit by bullets fired from a Mercedes. Gockner, who admitted causing grievous bodily harm, was ordered to pay Mr Mc-Kenna £1,500 compensation.

Organ boy dies

Richard Bates, 8, from Plymouth, has died at Great Ormand Street children's haspital, central London, from multiple organ failure exacer-bated by lack of clotting of his blood, two months after a bone marrow transplant from his sister. Pamela, 10.

Feud man fined

Frederick Thorpe, who paraded round his garden singing Land of Hope and Glory on the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day during a feud with his German neighbour, was fined £40 by David Loy, the Leeds stipendiary, magistrate for stipendiary magistrate, for threatening behaviour.

Defendant silent

The girl accused of killing Katie Rackliff, 18, a hairdresser, will not give evidence, Winchester Crown Court was told. The girl, now 17 but 12 at the time, cannot be named because of her age. She denies murdering Ms Rackliff in Camberley, Surrey, in 1992.

Accident appeal

A man disabled at the age of three when a car hit him in Bedworth, Warwickshire, has until he turns 21 on Sunday to trace the driver for a compen-sation fund claim. Mark Taylor, who learnt recently that he had a case, wants the driver to call 0800 525085.

Deadly catch

A Royal Navy bomb squad was called to the trawler Caledonia, off Lewis, in the caught an unexploded mine in their nets. The mine, thought to have been a stray from a military exercise, was detonated on the seabed.

RSC visits India

The Royal Shakespeare Company starts its first visit to India on Friday to join celebrations marking 50 years of independence from British rule. The 35-member troupe will stage The Comedy of Errors in five cities during its 27-day stay.

Vicar's veto

The Rev Chris Morris, a govreligious enough. "I want my children to go to a church

CORRECTION

cial Security Secretary. We apologise for the error.

Mobile phones are waste of space been made to shield satellites against international conference this week in Darmstadt, Germany. The destruction of a French satellite last SCIENCE EDITOR impacts, but this may be necessary in

Withyfield, the home that must close tomorrow

MOBILE phone systems are about to create more waste in space. New systems will require hundreds of satellites in low-Earth orbit, more than doubling the risks of collisions with other satellites, according to Dr Roger Walker, of the Defence Research Agency.

One of the systems planned, he says, involves 840 satellites to ensure worldwide coverage. The effect of so many launches will be a 30 per cent increase in the number of pieces of space debris bigger than one centimetre, he will tell an July by a fragment from an Ariane rocket launched ten years earlier has concentrated space scientists' minds. They believe that there are as many as 100,000 pieces of litter at least one centimetre across already in space, but only a small minority are big enough to be tracked.

Debris comes from explosions in space. discarded rocket upper stages, dead satellites and miscellaneous items, including a screwdriver dropped by an astronaut. There are 8,500 items large enough to be tracked. Until now, no attempts have

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future, adding to weight and launch costs.

Dr Hedley Stokes, of the Defence Research Agency, is using sophisticated computer models to work out the optimum shielding methods: "Geostationary orbit - 35.900 kilometres above the Earth

 isn't too much of a problem at the moment. Velocities and impact energy are lower, so it's a bit easier to shield against, and the population is nowhere near as high, so the collision hazard is less."

An alternative is for all satellites to have propulsion systems so they can leave orbit and burn up at the end of their lives.

Champagne sales are sparkling once more

with Buckinghamshire,

said that the home had been

monitored for more than six

months, but that the authority

had not foreseen the problem.

Mr Thomas had contacted the

authority only two weeks ear-

lier to tell them that he was in

difficulties, she said. "This

came to us really at the

eleventh hour, when we were

told by the proprietor that he could not trade beyond the

By ROBIN YOUNG

CHAMPAGNE shipments are nearly back to the heights achieved in the affluent Eighties. They were up by almost a fifth last year, putting the United Kingdom back in the top place as champagne's biggest export market, a position held for the previous two

Figures released today by the Champagne Information Bureau show that Germany has now lapsed to second place followed by Belgium. Switzerland and Italy. More than 20 million bottles of champagne were shipped to the United Kingdom in 1996. from total exports of 256 mil-

lion bottles. The sharp increase of consumption in the United Kingdom, against a worldwide total of only 2.6 per cent, is attributed to economic recovery. a hoom in the British restaurant trade and advance purchases for millennium celebrations.

Increased champagne shipments have been a reliable barometer of consumer confidence and economic wellbeing. City wine bars are now reporting sales close to those of the fizziest years in the

There is also, the champagne houses say, greater interest in the more expensive vintage and prestige cuvée wines, while more people are drinking champagne by the glass, especially in the fash-ionable brasserie-style restaurants that have sprung up in London and many provincial

The Oxo Tower restaurant in London has sold more than 3.500 cases of champagne since opening last September and expects to sell a further 4.000 by the end of this year.

A chip called Jill turns models into fashion victims

MODELS on the catwalk could soon find themselves replaced by a microchip after scientists devised their own virtual-reality method of showing off the latest

A research team at Bradford University in west Yorkshire blonde who can model designs on a computer screen without an inch of material being cut or a stitch being sewn.

Dr Norman Powell, one of the team, said: "She has tremendous possibilities. A young designer wanting to try out new ideas without the expense of making or modelling them will be able to see how their ideas will work out.

"In the retail market, people could buy clothes online from their homes by simply inserting their own personal details into a computer, which will then show them wearing the garment

"Shops would no longer need to hold different sizes of clothing. They could show customers how they would

Jill is Bradford's virtual reality supermodel

Professor George Stylios, head of the team from the university's Centre for Objective Measurement Technologies, said: Every kind of material has a different fingerprint and we are now able to use that in our mathematical models. Until now assumptions have been made which do not apply to fabric and which have not been right. But he did not see an end to the days of Naomi Campbell and her ilk. He said: "I think we shall see the two running in parallel for a time. The real

of gravity.

wearer moves.

thing is very expensive, a top show needs a lot of money and organising. I think we might well see the virtual-reality catwalk used by people who cannot afford the top models."

emor of Rawdon Church of England School, Leeds, will not be sending his four-yearold son there because it is not school where prayers are said in class every day."

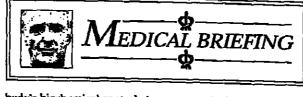
A report on pensions (March 14) wrongly attributed criticism of the Government over 1.5 million people opting out of occupational pensions schemes into those privately run to Collette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority. In fact. the comments were made by Harriet Harman, Shadow So-

Why liquorice does not suit all sorts.

LIQUORICE sweets may look innocuous, but their colourful sugar coating is deceptive. Likewise, for some people, there may be danger in the Christmas stocking liquorice pipe or shoelaces.

Chewing-tobacco, and a host of sweets and takes. contain glycyrrhizinic acid. derived from the liquorice root. Liquorice is also a constituent of several old-fashioned cough medicines, some herbal products, and even some alcoholic drinks.

Recently the British Medical Journal published the case histories of two women who have shown signs of toocommon side-effects of liquorice which did not go when they stopped eating liquorice sweets. Each had swollen feet and a persistently raised blood pressure as well as evidence of an upset to their



hody's hiochemical control. A disturbance of the renin-aldosterone system in some liquorice takers results in raised blood sodium and reduced potassium. One of the women had a hox of liquorice every day, her feet were swollen and her blood pressure would have been worrying if she were her grandmother's age. Her doctor recommended giving up the liquorice and the contraceptive pill. yet she showed only a slight

Careful questioning revealed that, once she had stopped taking liquorice

sweets, she had started to use a sugar-free chewing gum. Unknown to the woman and her GP, the gum contained liquorice and, when she gave this up as well, her blood pressure fell to normal and her swollen feet shrank.

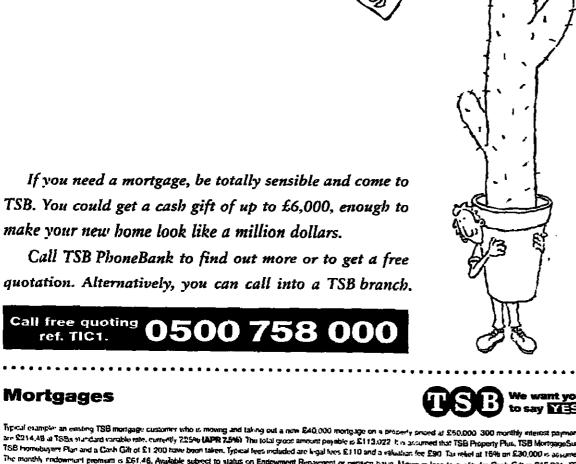
The other patient's raised blood pressure failed to respond to all treatment and her case remained a mystery until it was discovered that she, too, was using a chewing gum containing liquorice. Once she had been dissuaded from using it, her condition

returned to normal. For at least 50 years it has

been known that liquorice can cause trouble in some people. More recently, it has been realised that this may be more common in young women as the side-effects of liquorice are enhanced by the Pill Instances in which liquorice resulted in high blood pressure, swollen feet and an altered blood potassium level

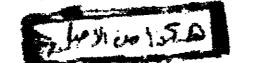
are comparatively common. More unusually, in 1984 a case of sudden cardiac arrest, a complication of a low blood level of potassium, was described in the Lancet. This had resulted from a fondness for liquorice. There have been other reports of it-causing headaches, muscle weakness, heart failure and interruption of the menstrual cycle.

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Highest rise in violent crime for seven years

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

VIOLENT crime rose by 11 per cent in England and Wales last year, the biggest increase for seven years, according to figures published yesterday.

The rise in violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery, came as recorded property crimes continued to fall. The number of rapes of women increased by 717 cases. almost 15 per cent, and male rape by 77 cases, 51 per cent.

Overall, offences recorded by the police in England and Wales fell by 1.3 per cent in 1996, the fourth consecutive drop - the first time in more than a century that recorded crime has fallen for four years running - while 1.3 million or 27 per cent of all offences were cleared up, I per cent more

Michael Howard, announcing the fall in offences from 5,100,000 to 5,033,000, said the figures were very encouraging but admitted that crime was still far too high. The Home

Secretary said there was a clear correlation between crime falling and action to increase the risk of people being sent to prison for serious

Mr Howard conceded that the risk of being sent to jail only began to increase in 1993-1994, but added: "The efforts of the police and local communities, and the policies which we are pursuing together are making - and will continue to make - a real difference to fighting crime up and down the country."

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said the figures showed there were no grounds for complacency or self-congratulation. He said recorded crime had risen by 98 per cent from 2.536,000 in 1979, while the number of convictions had gone down by one third.

□ Violent crime rose by 33,400 to 344,300 cases, the largest increase since 1989. Offences of violence against the person rose by 26,500 or 12 per cent to 239,100, and lifethreatening attacks by 22,400 or 17 per cent.

cent to 20,300 offences.

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with most recorded incidents

being street muggings. In Dyfed-Powys the increase was

80.8 per cent, 42 per cent in

Northamptonshire, 39 per cent in Cleveland and 34 per

☐ Property offences, includ-

ing burglary, fell by 2.2 per

cent from 4.7 million to 4.6

million. Burglaries fell by 6.1

per cent to 1,164,000 with

domestic burglaries dropping by 6.5 per cent to 599,241, reflecting initiatives to target

□ Vehicle crime decreased

from 1.32 million to 1.29 mil-

lion, or 2.2 per cent. Thefts

from vehicles decreased by

13,600 or 2 per cent and thefts

of vehicles by 15,100 or 3 per

Violent offences against the person rose by 78 per cent in Gwent, 77 per cent in Bedfordshire; 44 per cent in Sussex; 28 per cent in the Metropolitan Police area and by 27 per cent in Norfolk.

The number of homicides, including murder and manslaughter, fell by 8 per cent from 745 to 680 offences in 1996. The figures show that 93 per cent of homicides and 89 per cent of attempted murders

The worst areas for increases in violent crime were London and the South East, where there was an 18 per cent rise to 125,070 offences: the South, comprising Hamp-shire, Surrey and Sussex, where there was a 16 per cent rise to 18,760; Wales, by 19 per cent to 18,380; the eastern





Susan Dickinson, whose daughter Caroline was murdered in northern France

Caroline's family warns parents

THE father of Caroline Dickinson, the British schoolgirl murdered in Brittany last July, yesterday warned par-ents of children who might be visiting the area that the killer might strike again.

John Dickinson, 41, whose 13-year-old daughter was raped and killed in a hostel dormitory while on a schooltrip to Pleine Fougères, was addressing a news conference in Launceston, Cornwall. Mr Dickinson, a local govern-ment officer, who visited the French town at the weekend. said that the mayor had made plain that local people feared that the killer could carry out another attack.

Mr Dickinson's French lawyer, Hervé Rouzaud Le Bocuf, has asked for voluntary DNA testing of men in the area and for a fresh team

to examine the evidence. Mr Dickinson was accompanied yesterday by his former wife, Susan, 38. Mrs Dickinson did not speak at the news conference, but the Rev Tim Newcombe, said on her behalf that she supported her former husband's efforts to advance the investigation, and wanted to provide "peace and stability" for their surviv-

Connery speaks for Dunblane appeal

By Emma Wilkins

PARENTS and victims of the Dunblane shootings launched a cinema advertisement yesterday to try to persuade voters and politicians to support a total ban on handguns.

ment shows a gun being fired at a paper target in the shape of a person, and has a voiceover by Sean Connery. The Snowdrop Campaign, formed after the school shootings a year ago, criticises legislation that will ban civilian use of all handguns over .22 calibre, but leave available 40,000 .22 single shot and semi-automatic

handguns. At a preview at the National Film Theatre in London, Ann

women who will rid Britain of handguns forever. Mrs Pearston defended the

campaign's decision to use Mr Connery, whose most famous role is as the pistol-brandishing James Bond: "He is an eminent Scot and film star. His voice is known all over the world," she said. Mr Connery, who gave his

services free, recorded the soundtrack at his home in Marbella. His voice-over says: "It is said that a total ban on handguns including 22s would take away innocent pleaure from thousands of people. Is that more or less pleasure than watching your

child grow up?"
Mike Yardley, of the Sportsman's Association, said: "I don't know of one instance when a .22 calibre pistol has been used in a homicide in this country. All a ban would achieve is totally to destroy Olympic and Commonwealth Games sport in this country."

Children • of 12 are addicted to heroin, say police

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

HEROIN addicts as young as 12 are turning to prostitution to support their habit, a senior policeman said yesterday.

Speaking as the national

drug figures for 1996 were announced, Keith Hellawell Chief Constable of West Yorkshire and a national police spokesman on drugs, said that heroin was now the first drug tried by many young people, rather than their using cannabis and subsequently moving on to heroin. Mr Hellawell said that the number of seizures of heroin made by police last year has risen by 41 per cent to 7,880 from 5,592 in 1995. The number of heroin seizures made by police each year has been climbing sharply since

The Chief Constable said that child prostitutes could-now regularly be seen on the streets of British cities. Half of all prostitutes were now believed to be drug addicts and the average of prostitutes was falling to about 17.

Mr Hellawell said that addicts also turned to burglary and car crime. The traditional "fences" who bought stolen goods were now being re-placed by drug-dealers. An addict would barter a stolentelevision for four or five doses: of heroin. A stolen camcorder was worth seven or eight

Mr Heliawell's concern was shared by Dick Kellaway. head of the Customs investigation service, who announced a record seizure last year of 79.9 tonnes of drugs worth with intervention abroad, prevented drugs worth £1.5 billion reaching Britain.

In 1995, Customs seized 55.6 tonnes including a record 1.IH7 kilograms of heroin. Last year the heroin haul fell to 76 tonnes but, Mr Kellaway, said the number of seizures rose from 7,242 to 7,949, and arrests increased from 2,323 to 2,528. Mr Kellaway said that the long-term trend was an increase in heroin trafficking. Customs officers were extremely concerned by this. The largest production areas for heroin were increasing their

output. Other illegal crops, including cocaine and cannabis, are also on the increase, he said. The amount of cocaine found last year rose by 23 per cent from 940kg to 1,157kg, although that figure is still far below those for 1992 and 1994. Individual smugglers are trying to bring small ammounts into Britain.

He also reported a record seizure of synthetic drugs, such as amphetamines and Ecstasy, totalling 1,300kg.

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Pearston, leader of the cam-paign, said: "We are soon going to be bombarded with speeches by people who want a precious thing from us — our vote. I want every parent to use their vote to protect what is most precious to them, to put in Parliament men and

Paedophile pesters his victims from prison

BY LIN JENKINS

A PAEDOPHILE jailed for molesting boys has been pestering them with letters and telephone calls from prison. Andrew Charlton, 32, reduced one of his 12-year-old victims to tears when he telephoned his home. The boy's parents said that Charlton was using the pro-lection of jail to assault their

son further.
They and parents of the other youngsters have tried to stop Charlton by sending him a solicitor's letter threatening legal action after six months of bombardment with birthday and Christmas cards. letters and telephone calls.

The parents plan to make a formal protest to the governor of Winchester prison, where Charlton is serving an eight-year term after admitting seven charges of indecent assault. The trial judge said that Charlton was a rampent homosexual paedophile.

One mother said: "I'm being haunted by him and he is in prison. I'm never going to get away from him until the day he dies.

Michael Pascoe, the prison governor, said: "The State, in its infinite wisdom, decided to remove some of the measures which helped us prevent this. I urge the parents of the children to get in touch so we can do something about it."

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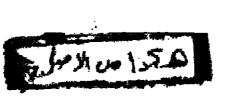
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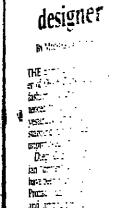
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Wounded bird freed from cage by army patrol

Eagle rescued in Bosnia is given flying lessons

A GOLDEN eagle rescued from captivity by British sol-diers serving in Bosnia is to be released back into the wild in Scotland later this year. The bird, which has an 8ft wing span, is learning how to fly again after being shot and wounded by a Bosnian hunter, who planned to sell it to a zoo or have it stuffed.

The female bird was spotted by a patrol of The Royal Green Jackets and The Queen's Dragoon Guards last October, in a cramped steel cage hanging outside the hunter's home in Prozor, near Gornji Vakuf. Its plumage was in tatters and, after inquiring about its fate, the soldiers decided to evacu-

Major David Norris, of The Queen's Dragoon Guards, who was in charge of the mixed company, organised a collection among his men and bought the bird for DM400 (£160). The eagle, named Rama after the lake at Prozor, was then flown to Britain in an



Rama with her keeper at the Hawk Conservancy

RAF Hercules for rehab-

ilitation. Falconers at the Hawk Conservancy, in Weyhill, near Andover, Hampshire, are now attempting to rebuild its strength and independence. They hope to be able to release it at a secret location in the Highlands this autumn.

A spokesman for The Royal Green Jackets, in Bulford, Wiltshire, said Major Norris. who spotted the bird, called on

the expertise of Andy Thompson, who works for the RSPCA in Leeds and was serving then as reservist corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps in

"To see such a majestic creature as Rama in a tiny, cramped cage was a heart-breaking sight, and he and the rest of the regiment felt it was unacceptable, They raised DM400, the only currency being accepted at the time, and bought her freedom," the

spokesman said. Major Norris obtained permission from the Department of the Environment to import Rama. Mr Thompson then drove the bird to Banja Luka airport, where it was taken aboard the Hercules. It was quarantined before being sent to the Hawk Conservancy. Ashley Smith, of the conservancy, said yesterday that Rama had become accustomed to human contact and was proving easy to train. It was expected to make a full

had healed and its feathers

were growing back. At the moment it could make short flights on a lead.

"Golden eagles are big, powerful birds, but this is the start of a long job," he said. "She'll need to be at peak fitness if she's to be released. Eagles spend a long time soaring in the wild and, to do this, her wing strength will have to be at 100 per cent. Any sign of weakness would mean she wouldn't be able to hunt proficiently."

Scottish Natural Heritage has a number of specially built pens in the Highlands for the release of captive white-tailed eagles and red kites. They provide a habitat that the birds become used to in captivity, and enable them to leave when they wish. When Rama is ready to return to the wild, the Hawk Conservancy will ask Scottish Natural Heritage to grant a licence for its

There are approximately 440 breeding pairs of golden recovery; its injured left wing eagles in Scotland, but only



Sixteen ducks and geese from a Gloucestershire nature reserve will take up residence in the grounds of Buckingham Palace today. The red-breasted geese, emperor geese and mandarin ducks, above, are being sent from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge to replace flamingoes killed by a fox last year

Six years for gay killer of fashion designer

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE homosexual former lover of Ossie Clark, the Sixties fashion designer, was sentenced to six years in prison yesterday after he admitted stabbing him to death in an unprovoked attack.

Diego Cogolato, 29, an Italian "drifter" who was said to have been high on a mixture of Prozac (an anti-depressant) and amphetamines, had denied murder but admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility. He believed that he was the Messiah, that his victim was Satan, and that he had a message from God to kill him. the Old Bailey was told.

The body of Clark, an eccentric clothes designer whose garments adorned Mick and Bianca Jagger, Yoko gy, was found in his onebedroom flat in Holland Park, west London, on August 7 last year, aged 54. Cogolato, from Vicenza, northern Italy, who sat in the dock with an interpreter, had a relationship with Clark for 18 months before his death. He had become depressed after the affair cooled, although the two

men remained friendly.

The court was told that Cogolato was suffering from a "transient psychotic episode" when he attacked Clark as he lay sleeping. A provisional diagnosis of acute schizophrenia was made by a doctor after

Musician sues over riverboat disaster

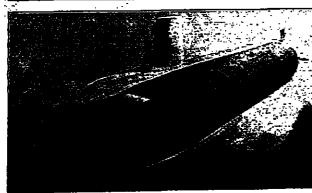
A MUSICIAN wept as she told the High Court yesterday that she suffered a nervous breakdown and had been unable to work since she almost drowned in the Marchioness riverboat disaster.

For many years before the incident in 1989, in which 51 people died, Josephine Wells, 37, had toured the world playing saxophone for the pop bands the Communards and Tears for Fears. However, she had suffered severe depression, turned to alcohol and could not pursue her flourishing career after the stress of being trapped under water for several minutes when the pleasure cruiser collided with the sand dredger Bowbelle on the-Thames, the court was told. Her cousin, Karen Jarvis,

Ms Wells is seeking compensation for loss of earnings. The vessels' owners accept liability, but are contesting the

amount of damag Ms Wells said that, after the accident, she had found herself unable to play and estranged from the world of music. She had tried to audition for some musical work, but had "lost her bottle". She told the court that she had tried cleaning jobs and café work to earn a living. She then began a degree course which she abandoned after one term when she had a nervous

breakdown. The hearing continues



An artist's impression of the new submarine

Navy buys fast new hunter-killer subs

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A CONTRACT for the build- HMS Ambush and HMS ing of a new Astute class of nuclear submarine that will be the quietest and fastest hunter-killer boat in the Royal Navy was announced

yesterday. The £2 billion deal for three submarines has been signed with GEC Marconi, whose subsidiary. VSEL, will build them at its shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, safeguarding 7,000 jobs. Construction will begin in about three years after the design phase has been completed. The first of the class, HMS Astute, will be in service by about 2005.

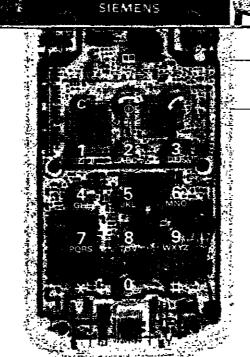
The 6,000 tonne submarine will be powered by an advanced Rolls-Royce pressurised water reactor that will last without refuelling for the lifetime of the boat, between 25 and 30 years. Existing nuclear submarines must be refuelled every ten years as part of an 18-month refit. HMS Astute, followed by

Artful, will be based on the present Trafalgar-class submarines and will replace the last of the ageing Swiftsure class. The submarine will take on the badge of the first HMS Astute, built in 1945 for operations in the Pacific. The first A class was scrapped in 1970. Navy sources said that the purpose of having a new generation was to start the next millennium at the beginning of the alphabet.

With the three new submarines, and two more expected to be ordered next century, the Royal Navy will maintain its present fleet strength of 12 nuclear boats. The last of the conventionally powered submarines were taken out of service after the Cold War. Navy sources said the Astuteclass submarines would be capable of operating in shallow water — one of the special capabilities of the conventionally powered boats.

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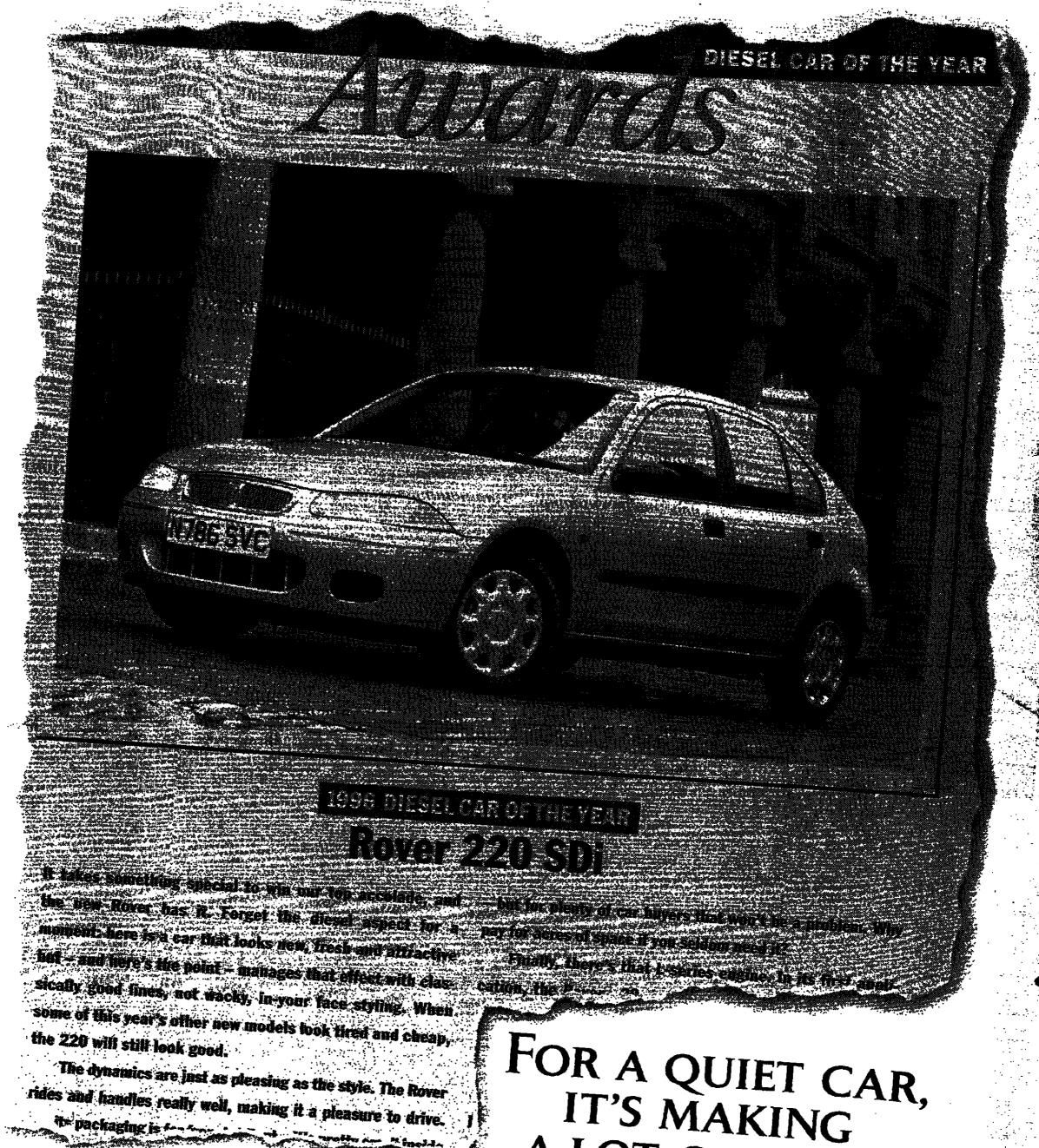
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Friday April 10

1T HAD all seemed very different on the morning of April 10, 1992, when John Major was hailed as the hero of the Conservative Party after pulling off an election victory against all the odds. Labour, beaten for the fourth time in succession, was in despair. Neil Kinnock was swift to say he would

resign the Labour leadership.

Mr Major had clambered aboard his soapbox, exploited fears about Labour's tax intentions, and got home with 2! seats to spare. In the years that followed his party showed him little gratitude. So severe were his woes that he was to resign the Tory leadership in 1995 and swiftly regain it.

Europe was the root of his torment. The Maastricht treaty. which had been seen as testament to his negotiating prowess — "Game, set and match to Britain" was the verdict of Mr Major's press chief at the time - returned to haunt him. Tory Eurosceptics had suppressed their concerns about the latest moves towards European integration. Indeed, Europe was

never a serious election issue. Perhaps surprisingly, in the light of events to come, the Maastricht



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Bill sailed through its second reading in the Commons by 244 votes, with only 22 Tories voting against it. However, the rejection of the Maastricht treaty soon afteracross the rest of Europe.

hope that passions might subside. The growing financial crisis fuelled the sceptics' anxieties. By July 1992, sterling was under strong pressure against the mark. Mr Major and Norman Lamont, his Chancellor, were forced to rule out

a devaluation.



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saddle after a landslide victory over Bryan Gould, was recovering fast. Mr Lamont borrowed £7 billion on the foreign markets to protect the pound. It was to no avail.

The night before, a leak suggest ing that Helmut Schlesinger, President of the Bundesbank, wanted the pound devalued was the trigger that turned a serious problem into a crisis. After the worst day of their political lives, Mr Major and Mr Lamont gave up the unequal struggle and floated the pound. Mr Lamont, looking pale after a day of utter turnoil on the financial markets, appeared on the steps of the Treasury to announce that Britain had pulled out of the European exchange-rate mecha-

nism (ERM) Interest rates had been raised by 5 percentage points in a single day as Mr Lamont and Mr Major fought a futile battle to save the pound's parity against the mark. The central plank of the Government's economic policy had collapsed, its reputation for competence damaged almost beyond

Neither the Government nor Mr Major ever fully recovered. The Government's troubles multiplied. The resignation of David Servicemental IDJ and Cinetal Delitorist

wards by the Danes changed the political climate in Britain and

The Danish vote provoked a war of attrition between Mr Major and his Eurosceptic critics that has never been properly resolved. In those early skirmishes, Mr Major had to fight off demands for Britain to hold a similar referendum. The Bill was suspended in the fruitless



Prime Minister himself and Mr

Heseltine had twisted arms in the minutes before the division. Defeat at that time would have finished off Mr Major.

1993 IF ANYTHING, 1993 was worse. A bizarre dispute over the Government having helped to pay Mr Lamont's legal bills for the eviction Black Wednesday, September 16, of a sex therapist from his London home added to the pressure on the

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embattled Chancellor, who was to be sacked by Mr Major during a reshuffle in May. Mr Lamont marked his departure with a vicious attack on the Prime Minister's leadership.

Misfortune continued to befall ministers. Michael Mates resigned over his support for the fugitive tycoon Asil Nadir. Maastricht got through but not without further problems.

There was a final glitch on the

Two events during this past Parliament changed the face of British politics for ever: the collapse of the Government's

exchange rate policy on September 16, 1992, and the death of John Smith on May 12, 1994. Philip Webster looks back

THE Major threatens election

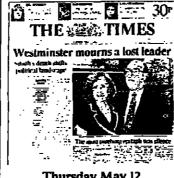
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social chapter that led to a confidence vote. By-elections fell to Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

1994

BY APRIL 1994 the Tories had reached their lowest level of popularity. Then on May 12 John Smith, who had replaced Neil Kinnock as Lahour leader after the election defeat in 1992, collapsed at his Barbican flat after suffering a second heart attack. He died in hospital shortly afterwards.

Mr Smith's death gave Mr Major breathing space. The Labour leader was never a convinced "moderniser", but he had carried on the reforms started by Mr Kinnock and his crucial victory came at the party conference in 1993 when he pushed through rules



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for parliamentary candidates to be selected solely by members of the party. A rousing speech in his support by John Prescott had turned the tide.

Mr Smith, who brilliantly bal-

anced the aspirations of the modernisers and the traditionalists, left the Labour Party more united and more trusted than it had been since the early Sixties. But even before he died, the modernisers, of whom Mr Blair and Gordon Brown were the leaders, had been frustrated by Mr

Smith's caution. Both wanted to succeed him but Mr Brown eventually deferred to Mr Blair, who won a convincing victory over Mr Prescott, who was to become his deputy, and Margaret Beckett. The stage was set for the revolution to continue — for Mr Blair to speed up the pace of Labour's internal reforms and



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effectively turn it into a different party with the best chance of returning to power for 18 years. That summer, Mr Blair decided to scrap Clause Four, the commitment to nationalisation in Labour's constitution. By now the party hardly paid lip service to this symbol of its socialist past, but both Mr Kinnock and Mr Smith had balked at its removal, believing it to be a step too far for the party's

traditionalist wing.

After receiving the backing of Mr Prescott, and announcing the move to a stunned conference, Mr Blair was able to exploit the huge goodwill towards him and to get rid of the hallowed clause. This was a battle to change the soul of the party and Mr Blair's victory on April 29, 1995, did more than anything else to convince the electorate that the Labour Party had changed. Afterwards he opened his heart to the conference:

"I wasn't born into this party. I chose it . . . if sometimes I seem a little overhasty and over-urgent, it's for one reason only: I can't stand these people, these Tories, being in government over our country."

Mr Blair has maintained the mastery over his party that enabled him to overturn its history. He has easily ridden controversial personal decisions, such as sending his son to an opt-out school and backing Harriet Harman, his Shadow Health Secretary, when she sent hers to a grammar school. Mr Blair has been forgiven everything because his party sees him as

Mr Major has been seen in the



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opposite light by his party. He has faced an unrelenting struggle to survive in spite of his successes and his much acclaimed attempt to bring peace to Northern Ireland after the Downing Street declara-tion in December 1993.

By-elections continued to eat away at his majority, the European elections of 1994 went to Labour by a landslide, and by the end of that year he was again threatening resignation with a self-imposed 'suicide pact" over the vote on the European budget that led to nine Tory rebels losing the party whip.

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BY 1995 Mr Blair had built a 30point lead in the opinion polls and rebel Conservatives were calling

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for a leadership contest to "clear the air". They claimed to have at least 70 MPs backing a challenge that autumn, but Mr Major, who has always prided himself on being a gambler, took the biggest wager of his life.

He called reporters to the Downing Street rose garden and put his leadership on the line. His enemies were thrown into confusion. John Redwood resigned from the Cabinet to challenge

When the contest came on July 4 Mr Major's margin of victory, 218 votes to 89, was not spectacular but it was enough to kill off the threat to his leadership for the rest of the Parliament.

For many Tories who thought the leadership would have been Mr



Tuesday July 4

Heseltine's for the taking, the most puzzling aspect of the affair was his failure to strike. However, he could only have come in if Mr Major had gone out after the first ballot, and, as he was to disclose later, he had already been offered the post of Deputy Prime Minister by a wily Mr Major.

If there was a turning point for Mr Major, the victory over Mr Redwood was it. The polls did not much improve and the majority kept on falling as by-elections were lost and Alan Howarth, Emma Nicholson and Peter Thurnham defected, but his detractors now accepted that, for better or worse,

he would be taking the Tories Continued on page 12

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There is nothing so humiliating as a candidate's forced march up a stranger's garden path

compare with standing for Parliament. There is nothing — no. not even the terror of rising to your feet for your maiden speech in the House of Commons — quite so wretched, so humiliating or so preposterous as being forced to walk up the garden path of people you do not know and who do not wish to know you, and, wearing a ridiculous, hydrangea-sized blue (or red or orange) rosette, hammer rith bruised knuckles on a strang-

er's door — always the wrong door — watch the stranger's face fall as they realise what you've come for. and, with sinking heart and sheepbiting grin. ask the question which you have already asked a thou-sand times, which you know is a damned cheek to ask at all, and to which you are almost certain to

receive a lie in response.

Spare a thought for the thousands of men and women whom this torture now awaits. The great majority know their candidature is hopeless. They are doing this only because it is decreed. Only a

When knees knock at your door minority stand a chance of win-ning, and more than half of these are defending safe seats and know

it only because it is decreed. Probably only one candidate in 20 honestly believes that his or her endeavours could really make the difference. They are fooling them-selves. The candidate's canvassing team, if numerous, enthusiastic and properly marshalled, can bring out a few hundred extra voters. But the candidate himself might as well be a regimental goat for all the difference his doorstep

they will win. These, too, are doing

bleating is likely to make.

An elderly Tory MP of my acquaintance recalls a 1960s general election when he was taken ill at the start and spent the whole campaign in hospital. He was returned with the largest majority he has enjoyed before or since. Each party has its own Identikit

picture of the Householder from Hell. For the Tory candidate he is male, over 50, shirtless with a string vest and the charred remains of a motorcar in his unmown front garden.

Anyone who thinks it is the young in modern Britain who lack civility should try canvassing at a general election. "Are those primroses you are planting?" said a Tory candidate in Sheffield, brightly, to the council tenant snarling at him from the flowerbed. "Primroses were Disraeli's favourite flower, you know!" Was they? I'll dig 'em up again,

Many of these former council tenants, however, have now bought their houses and no sensible candidate of any party pre-sumes from the address the political affiliation of any voter. Though string vests and tattoos

the press. Mr Shore has tirelessly paraded his Euro-

sceptic views. Other Labour

departures include Alf Morris.

the veteran campaigner for the disabled.

The most noteworthy of the

six Liberal Democrats depart-

ing is Sir David Steel, who

was leader of the Liberal Party

from 1976 to 1988, when it

merged with the SDP to form

the Social and Liberal Demo-

had enough of being in a

minority party include Sir

Russell Johnston, Alex Carlile

and David Alton, the anti-

Michael Alison (C. Selby): David Alton (LD, Liverpool Mossley Hill): Sir Thomas Arnold (C, Hazel Grove); Jack Aspinwali (C, Wansoyke): Kenneth Baker (C, Mole Valley): Nicholas Baker (C, Dorset Valley): Robert Banks (C, Harrogate): John Biffen (C.

Harrogate); John Biffen (C. Shropshire N); Roland Boyes (Lab. Houghton and Wash-

Shropshite N; Kotaho Boyes (Lab, Houghton and Washington); Dr Jeremy Bray (Lab, Motherwell S); John Butcher (C. Coventry SW); Jim Callaghan (Lab, Heywood and Middleton); Alex Carlille (LD, Montgomery); John Carlisle (C, Luton N); Sir Kenneth Carlisle (C, Lincoln); Paul Channon (C, Southend W); Sir Julian Critchiey (C, Aldershot); Don Dixon (Lab, Jarrow); Jimmy Dunnachie (Lab, Glasgow Pollok); Sir Anthony Durant (C, Reading W); Ken Eastham (Lab, Manchester Blackley); Tim Eggar (C, Enfield N); Andrew Faulds (Lab, Warley E); Barry Field (C, Isle of Wight); Dudley Fishburs (C, Kensington); John Garratt (Lab, Norwich S); Sir Anthony Grant (C, Camb-

abortion campaigner.

The list includes:

Other Lib Dems who have



MATTHEW PARRIS

still haunt the dreams of Tory Boy. a new and if anything more horrific nightmare troubles the Conservative candidate's sleep. The garden is immaculate, the

mown, and upon the welcome mat lies a copy of that morning's Daily Mail. In the frill-curtained bow window appears a Neighbourhood Watch sticker. Bustling to the door comes a householder who could plausibly substitute for Patricia Routledge's Mrs Bucket in Keeping Up Appearances.

The canvasser's lists suggests that this househould declared itself for the Tory cause in 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1992. "Can we count on your support this time?" says our candidate, his cheery tone confident of the answer. But something in her manner troubles him. She looks embarrassed. "We're still making up our minds," she mum-bles. "I think I'd rather not discuss my politics on the doorstep, if you don't mind."

Our Tory candidate spots it. The local Labour Party literature on the reproduction antique bureau. The face of Tony Blair leers up at him. The lady of the house steps quickly sideways to block the view, as though concealing an adulterous affair, but it is too late.
If new horrors await Conserva-

tive canvassers, the same is true for Labour. That party's Householder from Hell used to wait at the end of a crunchy gravel drive. But today what your foot soldier in Mr Blair's model army dreads most is a local government trade union sticker on the parked VW Polo, Will Hutton in the bookcase and the charge of betrayal on the

voter's lips. Working-class supporters, grumbling a bit, will wish their candidate luck. It is on the doorsteps of middle-class socialists with careers in the public sector that Peter Mandelson's acolytes

For the Liberal Democrat hopeful, the real horror lies in being greeted on the doorstep by another Liberal Democrat activist with a cry of The alternative vote system isn't really proportional representation. you know - what calculations have you made to the application of the droop quota in the adoption of the single transferable vote in this ward? I'll make us a cup of coffee . . . This will tie her down all afternoon:

Dear Reader, some time between now and polling day, you may have it in your power to brighten or depress the day of three or more pathetic individuals. Remember that they don't want to be there either. Remember that they think they are doing it for the good of mankind.

Remember that they will feel not so much rebuffed as relieved to be told —if told kindly — that they are wasting their time with you. And remember that, for all the nuisance of an unwanted visitor at. your door, this is probably the last election when the parties won't try to do it by fax and e-mail too.

Old soldiers polish their medals and bandage wounds

By JILL SHERMAN

A RECORD number of MPs, including ten present or for-mer Cabinet ministers, are leaving the Commons.

The Tories are disappearing in droves - through age, disillusionment or because they can no longer boost their income with outside interests. But Labour MPs, smelling victory, are anxious to reap the rewards of 18 years of Opposition by lighting another campaign. At least 58 Tory MPs, 25 Labour MPs. six Liberal Democrats and one Ulster Unionist have opted for retirement or

more lucrative pastimes. One of the most senior MPs to forsake the green benches is Douglas Hurd, who held three Cabinet posts over nine years - Foreign Secretary, Home Secretary and Northern Ireland Secretary - and who entered the Tory leadership election after Margaret Thatcher stepped down in 1990. Mr Hurd will devote some of his retirement to

writing political thrillers. Other senior Tory politicians standing down include Kenneth Baker, who also held three Cabinet posts, Paul Channon, the former Trade and Industry Secretary, John Patten, former Education Secretary, David Howell, former Transport Secretary, and three former Chief Whips, Michael Jopling, Tim Renton and Richard Ryder. John

STANDING DOWN

Biffen, the former Leader of the House, is also retiring.
The only existing Cabinet

minister to retire is Sir Patrick Mayhew, who has worked tirelessly as Northern Ireland Secretary to try to broker a peace deal. Some of the more colourful escapers include Steven Norris, whose parliamentary career was checked by personal scandal but who survived as a minister. He is off to boost his personal finances in the private sector.

Women are also deserting the male-dominated Tory benches. They include Dame Jill Knight, once described as "Mrs Middle-Class Birming-ham Suburbia", and the blunt Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman. Labour is also losing promi-

nent politicians. Roy Hatters-ley, the former deputy Labour leader, is one of three former Cabinet ministers. Peter Shore and Stanley Orme are also making way for younger MPs. Mr Hattersley and Mr Shore have become increasingly irritating thorns in Tony Blair's side. Mr Hattersley

was once regarded as on the Centre-Right of the Labour Party. But he has recently attacked Mr Blair over his policies on education. A prolific writer, he is expected to boost his income by filling up several more column inches in

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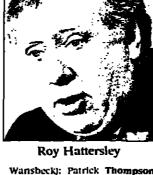












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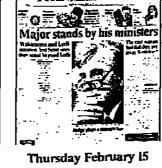
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BUT allegations of sleaze dogged the Government to the end. The cash-for-questions affair dragged on with no final outcome to the inquiry into the case of the former Trude Minister Neil Hamilton, but it did cost Mr Major another minister. The highly rated David Willetts resigned as Paymaster General after being criticised by a Commons committee for the way in which he had given evidence about an earlier investigation. Europe remained the biggest thorn in Mr Major's side. The European Union imposed



Friday February 9

a ban on British beef after the discovery that "mad cow" disease could be passed to people. For much of 1996 he was trying to hold back the Tory tide in favour of ruling out British membership of the European single currency. Last spring he won over Kenneth Clarke, the Cabinet's leading Euro-enthusiast, to the idea of a referendum: by January he and the Government were taking their most sceptical line on monetary union. The future in Northern Ire-



Mr Major's attempt to broker peace will be regarded as one of his greatest achievements. Although the IRA ceasefire ended last year, the painstaking efforts to keep the process on track have continued. Mr Blair's efforts to make

Labour electable continued apace. He matched the government pledge on holding a referendum on the single currency, and Mr Brown announced there would be no rises in personal taxation for five years under a Labour land looks, as ever, uncertain. | government.

BY JANUARY this year Mr

Major was working without a parliamentary majority. For the early months of the year both parties were marking time. Labour was pushing for an early election and hoping against hope that Mr Major would be persuaded for March 20.

He considered the idea because of the inconvenience of the Wirral South by-election on February 27: an early election would have wiped that out, Labour's attempt to force the issue with a censure motion against the Agriculture Minister failed.

The Prime Minsiter has been unusually relaxed since the turn of the year. The reason is obvious. He will be glad to see the back of this Parliament and, starting so far back, there may be less pressure on him than Mr Blair. Soon their parties will know which of them has really hacked a winner.

ELECTION COUNTDOWN

March 20: John Major and Tony Blair clash at Prime Minister's Question Time for the last occasion in the current Parliament

March 21: Parliament is prorogued March 24: Meeting of European Union foreign ministers in Brussels

March 25: EU foreign ministers mark 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome

March 29: John Major celebrates his 54th birthday in his Huntingdon constituency

April 1: New salaries for MPs come into effect April 2-3: The parties launch their election

April 3: Conservatives, Labour and Liberal Democrats launch their battle buses, which take to the campaign trail for the first time

April 4: The Tories stage the first of seven regional rallies. John Major addresses a gathering of the party faithful at the Albert Hall. Tories hope to create an atmosphere akin to the Last Night of the

April 8: Dissolution of Parliament

April 9: Receipt of writs and the campaign proper

April 11: Notice of the general election is

April 14. Earliest date for nomination of parliamentary candidates

April 16: Nominations close. Unemployment tures are published. They are expected to show sharp fall. Latest borrowing figures released by the Treasury.

April 21: The Queen celebrates her 71st birthday

at Buckingham Palace April 23: Last day for the receipt of late absent voting applications on ground of health

May I: Polling day May 7: New Parliament reassembles

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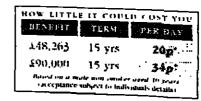
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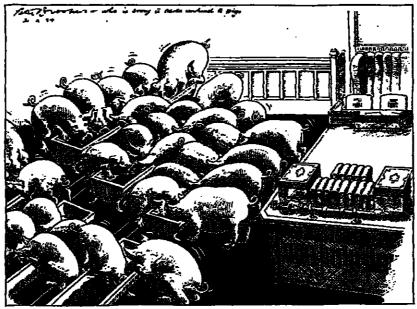
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How The Times drew the battle lines



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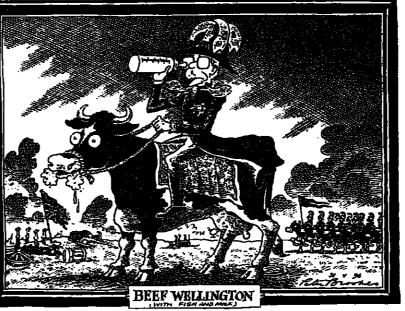
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Death, defeat and defections: how the Tories lost a 21-seat majority

The Tory majority in the Commons has declined gradually since the April 1992 election, but the Major Government has still been able to survive its full five years and to enact almost all its planned programme with few defeats. The Tories had a majority of only 21 over all other parties in April 1992 but in many ways the key figure was the Tory margin of 64 over Labour, since the smaller opposition parties have seldom all voted to their full strength and on the same side. Since then, the Tories have lost eight seats in by-elections (four to the Liberal Democrats, three to Labour and one to the Scottish nationalists) and three defectors to other parties (two to the Liberal Democrats and one to

Labour). The first vacancy came ten months after the election in February 1993 at Newbury. after the death of Judith Chaplin, who had been political secretary to John Major in 1990-91. That was followed by a vacancy in Christchurch in May 1993 after the death of Robert Adley. The Liberal Democrats won the two subsequent by-elections on big

swings. But it was not really until the mid-point of the parliament in autumn 1994 that the Government's majority came under threat. This was less because of by-elections since only a further two vacancies had occurred by then, in Eastleigh and Dudley West: the former another victory for the Liberal Democrats and the latter for Labour.

Serious problems appeared
November 1994 over Saddleworth for the Liberal Democrats Serious problems appeared

Europe when eight Tory sceptics voted against a threeline whip over legislation on the EU budget. They immediately lost the whip, and were joined by Sir Richard Body. A week later they voted with the opposition parties after the Budget to defeat the second stage of the increase in VAT on

domestic fuel. In theory, the Government went into a minority for the first time since the minority Callaghan Government in 1976. But, apart from the VAT vote, the whipless ones, as they became known, made little practical difference to the Government's management of the Commons over the five months before the whip was restored to eight of them in April 1995. Sir Richard did not return to the fold until January

The Tories' problems increased during 1995 when

21 starting majority at April 9 1992

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19 May 6 1993 David Rendel wins Newbury for the

18 May 13 1993 Robert Adley, Tory MP for Christchurch, dies 17 July 29 1993 Diana Maddock wins Christchurch

for the Liberal Democrats
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Dudley West, dies 13 December 15 1994 Ian Pearson wins Dudley

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for Perth and Kinross, dies
11 May 17 1995 Geoffrey Dickens, Tory MP for
Littleborough and Saddleworth, dies
10 May 25 1995 Roseanna Cunningham wins Perth

and Kinross for the Scottish National



three more Tory MPs died. leading to by-election victories for the Scottish nationalists in Perth and Kinross, the Liberals in Littleborough and

PETER RIDDELL

Saddleworth and Labour in Staffordshire South East. However, the real shock

joins the Liberal Democrats

Reigate, resigns Tory whip and joins the Referen-

South East for Labour

Alan Howarth to Labour in October 1995 and of Emma Nicholson to the Liberal Democrats just after Christmas in December 1995. A couple of months later, Peter Thurnham resigned the Tory whip and remained in limbo until October 1946 when he joined the Liberal Democrats. That reduced the Tory majority to

The Conservative majority disappeared when Barry Pordied in November 1996, triggering the by-election in Wirral South held on February 27. The Tories formally went into a minority in January this year when lain Mills, the Tory MP for Meriden. died, but this was quickly offset by the death of Martin Redmond, the Labour memher for the Don Valley.

This rate of attrition, losing roughly two MPs a year, is not **HOW MAJOR'S MAJORITY SLITHERED AWAY**

confidence vote until March imilarly, the Major in Commons votes -7 October 7 1995 Alan Howarth, Tory MP for Stratford-upon-Avon, crosses the floor and joins the 6 December 12 1995 Sir David Lightbown, Tory MP

the shorter 1966-70 Parlia-

ment. Labour lost 15 seats in

by-elections, while the Labour

Government of 1974-79 lost

seven seats in by-elections (six

Liberals) and suffered three

defections to other parties.

Labour had only won in

October 1974 by a tiny major-

ity of four (excluding the

Speaker). The majority did not

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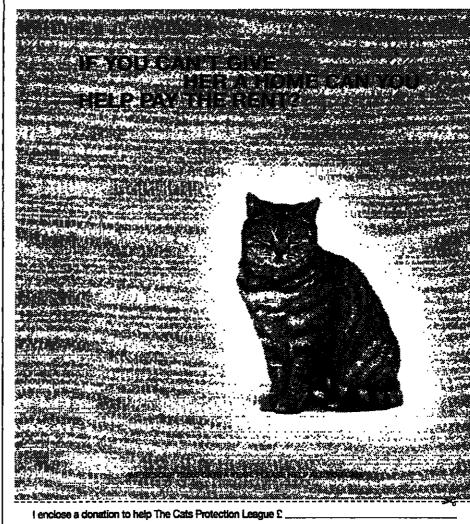
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South for Labour March 8 1997 Sir George Gardiner, MP for

Government has had some narrow scrapes for instance, over the Scott report in February 1996 as well as over Europe, where the problem has been less the declining majority than the willingness of two dozen or more Tory sceptics to rebel. But, in general, the Government has had comfortable majorities and been able to enact almost all its legislative programme with little trouble. The one exception is Post Office privatisation, which was dropped in autumn 1994 after stirrings of opposition from a handful of Tory populists and leftwingers - though many ministers believe any Bill could have been pushed

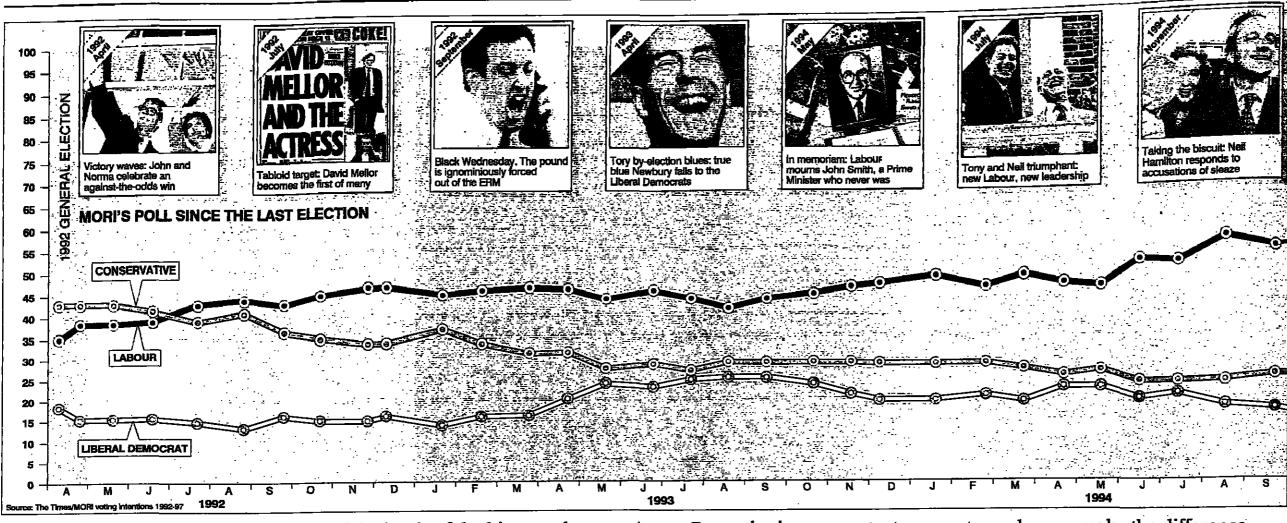
The 1992-97 Parliament has shown that governments with small, and declining, majorities can survive for a long



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Martin Rosenbaum takes account of the battle of the big spenders

"OUR one great advantage Wealth. Let us use it." This was the instruction given by Stanley Baldwin to his party managers in the 1920s, and Conservative Central Office has been following it ever since. The Tories have invariably outspent Labour at election time, but Labour is now trying hard to narrow the gap. As both parties seek to exploit the full armoury of modern communications, the costs of

electioneering are escalating. No one outside the inner circle of party strategists real-ly knows what the parties will spend. But by polling day both will probably have laid out £15-20 million, and the Tories may well manage more. The Liberal Democrats will spend £2-3 million. Sir James Goldsmith is on the way to using up the £20 million he has pledged to the

Referendum Party.
The 1997 election will undoubtedly be by far the most extravagant in real terms since Victorian times, when politicians had to win votes by the even more costly practices of bribery and treating. It may also be the last of the big

Contest will cost parties millions



Advertising: the biggest drain on campaign funds

spending battles between the parties. Labour plans to intro-duce national restrictions on campaign expenditure to mirror those at local level. The most expensive ele-

ment of electioneering is advertising. Both main parties have already been very active in the run-up to the 1997 campaign. According to Register-MEAL, which monitors advertising expenditure, the Tories spent £2.6 million on press and poster advertise-ments last year, and Labour £1.6 million. The Referendum Party spent '£4 million. The parties have already booked thousands of prime poster sites for the election. Other major items of expen-

diture will include glossy party political broadcasts, high-tech press conferences, showbiz-type rallies, complex transport arrangements for politicians' tours, extensive private polling and the employment of extra staff. In 1992 the Tory broadcast featuring John Major's return to his Brixton roots cost £250,000, and Labour's notoriously triumphalist Sheffield

rally consumed £150,000. All this is on top of the expenses already met of estab-

lishing campaigning infra-structure. Labour has invested £2 million in its media centre at Millbank. The Tories have also created their own less elaborate "war room" at a reported cost of £200,000 and refitted their

press conference room.

This level of spending is made possible by the prolific fundraising operations of the two main parties. Thanks to big increases in donations as well as loans from constituency associations, the Tories have repaid their £15 million overdraft from the last campaign and have been building up their election war chest. Labour has supplemented its traditional union funding. both with several big donations from a few rich supporters and a growing programme of contributions rom ordinary members.

But while party headquarters will happily be disbursing millions, each candidate will have to obey tight legal constraints on expenses. Most face a ceiling of £6,000 to £9,000, dependent on the size and rural or urban nature of the constituency.

Campaigning concentrates on voters who can make the difference

Outcome depends on 80 marginals

The coming general election will be decided in fewer than 100 constituencies, fewer than one in six, spread across Britain (Peter Riddell writes). If anything like that number of seats changed hands there would be a parliamentary earthquake on a scale rarely seen since 1945.

A common myth is that the marginals are mainly around London or in the West Midlands. The heaviest concentration, however, is on either side of the Pennines.

To win a bare overall majority in the Commons, Labour needs to win 57 extra seats. which would require a 4.3 per cent swing of votes from the Conservatives compared with the 1992 general election. This sounds, and is, a lot Labour has not achieved such a swing since its landslide in the 1945 election and the Conservatives have done so only in 1970

However, the Tories could lose their present Commons majority with a swing of only 0.8 per cent to Labour. These calculations ignore by-election losses or defections since the 1992 election, not least because, in the past, many such seats have reverted to their previous party at a general election. The number of seats has increased to 659. eight more than in 1992.

The electoral system helps and hinders Labour. It is easier for Labour than for the Tories to win an overall majority. If both parties won 39 per cent of the vote. Labour would have 33 seats more than the Tories. That is because the Labour vote is more concentrated where it matters.

In 1992, turnout was high in sale Conservative seats and low in safe Labour ones. However, Labour did well in many of its target marginal sears, attracting support from former Liberal Democrats, so that, overall, the party won 20 to 25 more seats than would have been expected given its

national share of the vote. However, the system exagit used to do. Between 1945 and 1970, roughly 18 seats changed hands for each 1 per cent swing in votes. Now about only L2 seats would shift for each I per cent move. This makes a landslide much less likely, even though Labour has a lower level of votes to

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there are, from time to time,

surprises, notably when the

Liberal Democrats make the

occasional inroad into other

parties' strongholds. In these

areas, such as Surrey or

Suffolk for the Conservatives.

or Durham and Glasgow for

Labour, local campaigns will

be fiercely fought but they will

attract little national attention.

Labour made big gains in London at the 1992 election.

so there are fewer Conserva-

tive marginals now in the

capital - just eight with majorities of less than 10 per

cent, with a further five in the

M25 belt. For the same reason,

there are just nine Conserva-

tive-held seats in the West

Midlands with majorities in

reach for an overall majority. In about only a quarter of the seats does the sitting MP have a majority of less than ten percentage points over the candidate of the second party. on the basis of the calculations of the impact of the new boundaries made by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher. That is the real battleground, particularly the 83 Conservative-held seats with a majority of less than 10 per cent over the second party, whether Labour, Liberal Democrat or Scottish Nationalist.

The parties have been pouring money, skilled agents and their campaigning resources into these seats. Labour holds 65 seats with a majority of less than 10 per cent, including a large number won in 1992.

this range. The main parties should By contrast, 11 of the key marginals are in the North have no trouble holding onto the overwhelming majority of West, including several that their present seats, although could fall to Labour on a small

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shift in votes, such as Blackpool South, Bury South, Chester and Chorley, with five more just over the Pennines in Yorkshire. The Tories are also vulnera-ble in the South West, mainly to the Liberal Democrats, who

are pressing closely in St ives. Taunton, Devon West and Falmouth and Torridge, Camborne (though that could be a three-way fight), and Somerton and Frome, Several ministers are likely

to lose their seats if there is a big swing to Labour, including, with the most marginal first. Michael Forsyth, the Scortish Secretary, in Stirling (though many Scottish MPs believe that he may be able to hang onl: Philip Oppenheim. Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, in Amber Valley: Gyles Brandreth, now a Tory whip, in the City of Chester;

Sir Derek Spencer, the Solicitor-General, in Brighton Pavilion: Ian Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, in Galloway and Upper Nithsdale: Sebastian Coe, now a Tory whip, in Falmouth and Camborne: Greg Knight, a Trade and Industry Minister of State, in Derby North; Alistair Burt, a Social Security Minister of State, in Bury North: Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, in Erewash; and Malcolm Rifkind, Foreign Secretary, in Edinburgh, Pent-

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Other familiar names in ighly marginal Conservative held seats are Edwina Currie Derbyshire South; Jerry layes in Harlow; and Tony Marlow in Northampton

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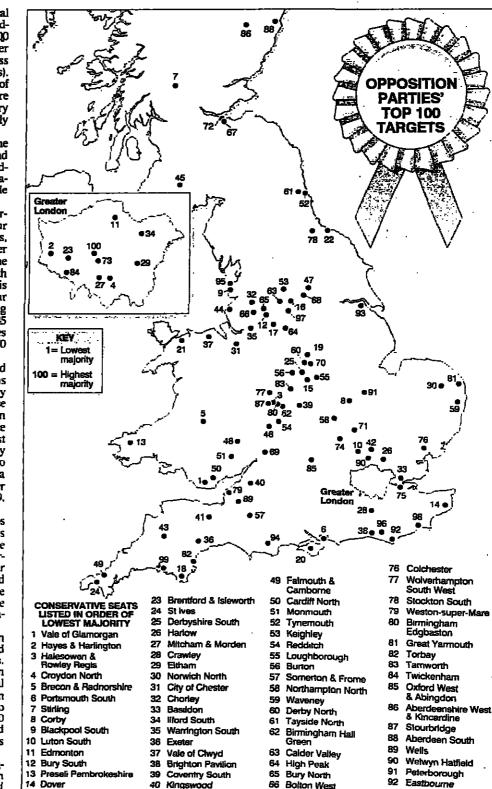
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Ruth Winstone on women candidates looking for a breakthrough

Bright green benches await an influx of shocking pink suits

ever small the majority, would guarantee more shocking pink suits in the Commons. If the party wins the top 75 seats that it has in its sights, 34 new MPs would be women. But if the Conservative Party once again flummoxes the pollsters, a 4 per cent swing in its favour would put only 13 new Tory women in Parliament.

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The encroachment on the Commons by women has by from the time that women aged 30 and over received the vote almost 80 years ago. In 1945, a record 24 women, predominantly Labour, were elected and this rose to 29 in the Labour victory of 1964. But by the 1979 election, despite the supposed advance of feminism, the number of women elected had fallen to 19.

In 1992, women occupied almost 10 per cent of the green benches for the first time and the unprecedented number of women candidates in this election has been due largely to the controversial womenonly shortlists imposed by Labour in certain marginal constituencies.

By contrast, the Conservative Party has been reluctant to give women candidates a helping hand. There has been no Tory "policy" at this election on selecting women candidates in winnable seats and as a consequence the party could have no more women MPs than it had in 1979.

Three female Conservative

stalwarts are retiring and while there are at least 58 men leaving the Commons, only two of their safe seats have been bequeathed to women: Weston-super-Mare to Margaret Daly and Epping Forest to Eleanor Laing. Four other safe Tory seats are being fought by women, including the widow of Sir David Lightbown in his former seat, renamed Tamworth. A Conservative opposition, therefore, could include 20 women.

Two unsafe Conservative seats - Slough, with a majority of 514, and Crawley, which since boundary changes has a majority estimated at less than 2,000 - are being contested by

In the former Peta Buscombe, a Tory barrister, is competing against Labour's Fiona MacTaggart, a lecturer on education. A fifth Conservative win, whatever its size. would feature a disproportionate number of businesswomen, female lawyers and women with experience in

local government. Among the top 34 female candidates standing in the Labour Party's key target seats, some will battle it out with women MPs. A Labour win could result in the loss of such senior Conservatives as Dame Angela Rumbold and Angela Knight, and the Liberal Democrat Liz Lynne.

At Hampstead and Highgate there is an all-women platform for Glenda Jackson's Labour seat with an estimated majority of 2,500.

Unlike their Conservative counterparts, there are few lawyers or businesswomen standing for Labour, although



Barbara Follett, who is hoping to win Stevenage for the Labour Party



Keen: sister also standing



Laing: picked for safe seat



Clark: fighting Rifkind

in the Edinburgh Pentlands marginal Labour has put up a Scottish QC, Linda Clark, against another QC: Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary.

As would be expected, the vast majority of Labour candidates come from the public/local authority/voluntary sector, teaching and nursing. with a sprinkling of journalists. A notable exception is the candidate for Bolton West, Ruth Kelly, an economist at the Bank of England. Barbara ಿ ಜನ್ Litranchiey & Golders Green



MacTaggart: Slough hope

Follett, widely credited with the revolution in Labour women's sartorial style, has a good chance of ousting the Tory whip Tim Wood in Stevenage. Most of the women candidates

attended further education. In the view of Tony Banks. Labour MP for Newham North-West, the calibre of women candidates is far higher than the average male MP's, because the obstacles they have had to get through are that much greater, with or without positive discrim-

There may be several sisters literally - on the Labour benches. Ann Keen, the candidate for Brentford and Isle-worth, is the sister of Sylvia Heal, who is standing for Halesowen and Rowley Regis and is a former MP for Mid-Staffordshire. Maria and Angela Eagle, identical twins, may share the benches as MPs for Liverpool Garston and Wallasey respectively.

The political culture of Wales and Northern Ireland will remain decidedly macho. since neither Plaid Cymru nor the Province's Unionist parties or the Social and Democratic Labour Party are fielding women in winnable seats. The Scottish Nationalist Party does have a large percentage of women candidates but it would take an 8 per cent swing to gain 12 members in total, of which five would be women. The SNP already has two women members out of its total of four, but Roseanna Cunningham, who won Perth and Kinross in a by-election in 1995, risks losing it in the boundary changes to the Con-

servatives. If the Liberal Democrats were to recapture traditionally Liberal country, the MPs for Falmouth and Camborne and for Taumton would be women, ousting two Tories, Sebastian

Coe and David Nicholson. What overall effect on a new Parliament a possible 100 women MPs would have is the big question: whether it would mean the "feminisation" of political life, or simply more women in sharp pink suits plotting in the corridors of

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Tim Hames charts the biggest growth in the electoral roll in 27 years

WHAT do David Beckham of Manchester United, James Major, the son of the Prime Minister, and three fifths of the Spice Girls have in com-

All are entitled to cast their ballots for the first time. They are part of a highly distinctive electorate that the politicians must woo. The electoral register contains an estimated 44 million names — the largest ever. The voting population has increased by 250,000 in England and 40,00 in Scotland and Northern Ireland, but remained static in Wales.

The average size of a parliamentary constituency in Britain will be about 68,000 electors. That figure is higher in England and some 13,000 lower in Scotland and Wales. The average contains vast variations. Demographic change and

the unusually long Parlia-ment have combined to ensure that 2.6 million new voters have entered the register. This the largest rise between contests since the franchise age was lowered from 21 to 18 for the election of 1970. The change was champi-

2.6m new voters wait to be wooed

oned by Harold Wilson in the confidence that the rebellious youth of the 1960s would side with the Left. Edward Heath entered Downing Street. Younger voters may be

more numerous for this battle, but expatriates registered to vote are unlikely to be significant. There will be barely 20,000 such people, down from more than 30,000 in 1992. Only a handful of seats, at most, could conceivably be affected by any resident of Spain or South Africa.

The electoral register is not a photocopy of the adult population. It is compiled by local authorities on the basis of where voters live every October. It takes until mid-February to collate that information. Hence it is already four months old.

A crude estimate suggests that the register holds only 95 per cent of the total adult

curacy is probably worse. The official register includes members of the Armed Forces living abroad, overseas electors, and those who own two properties in different constituencies. It is illegal to vote more than once in a general election but legitimate in local

council ballots. As many as 9 per cent of adult Britons may never reach the all-important electoral register. Some of that may be involuntary, such as homelessness, but it is mostly the failure of potential elec-tors to fill in the relevant

Even then the register is far from perfect. Some 7 per cent of the names are inaccurate at the moment of collection. because of moving or mortality. By February, when the document is published, that figure reaches 10 per cent. On

All this means that while the official figure for turnout in British elections is 75-80 per cent - acceptable but not exceptional by international standards — that number is almost certainly an underestimate. Once the various omissions on the electoral register are accounted for, the proportion of eligible Britons who vote is closer to 90-95 per cent. Many of the rest are abroad and have not realised how little time they have to apply for a postal vote.

Younger people, who tend to swap houses and constituencies more frequently than average, are more likely to be among those excluded. There are probably an additional 100,000 potential electors on top of the 2.6 million who can

cast ballots for the first time. Nonetheless, they will be intensely fought over. If teenage magazines are right and apathy is widespread, the hardest task for politicians may be to persuade David, James, Emma, Mel and Victoria to participate in the



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The new political geography of the UK

major electoral battle even before the campaign has formally begun - over the redrawing of constituency boundaries. This has changed much of the political map of Britain, replacing the names of many familiar constituencies.

The Tories have been left with a much smaller gain than they expected: an increase in their notional majority of six seats against initial projections of 15 to 20. This is because Labour organised better to handle the boundary inquiries.

Boundaries are re-examined roughly every decade to take account of movements in population — the long-term shift from big cities to smaller towns. The reviews are conducted by separate Boundary

abour has already won a land, Wales and Northern Ireland. These are formally chaired by the Speaker of the Commons, but are,

in practice, run by a senior judge. The process is non-partisan but is not just a matter of dividing the total electorate by the current number of constituencies. Separate commissions for different parts of the United Kingdom produce different sizes of constituency and ensure that Scotland and Wales are significantly overrepresented in relation to England. The quota in England is 69,000 but 54,600 in Scotland and 58,000 in Wales.

The commissions take account of geographical factors. For example, the English Commission decided not to split the Isle of Wight, whose electorate of 102,000 is four times the size of the widely spread Western Isles.

Less than a third of constituen-

A sharper Labour input has given it the edge in redrawn

constituencies. Peter Riddell explores the new terrain

cies are virtually unchanged and the size of the Commons will rise after the election from 651 to 659, continuing the gradual expansion seen at every boundary review.

The commissions work within county boundaries, which inevitably means rounding up and down and rough-and-ready adjustments. Moreover, the English Commission decided to cross London borough boundaries for the first time because of the small populations in some seats in the capital. Familiar seats disappear into such hybrids as Kensington and Chelsea, Erith and Thamesmead, and Poplar and Canning Town. New

ones appear such as Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire, Vale of York, and Rayleigh in Essex.

The commissions and those conducting the local inquiries have had to balance a wide range of factors, taking account of local representations about the nature of communities. David Gardner, a senior official at Labour headquarters, coordinated the party's local efforts at these inquiries to maximise its political advantage. By contrast, local Conservative associations were left to their own devices so that the party's overall interests were not effectively advanced. In several cases, the net effect of

the commissions' decisions was to create constituencies that Labour has a chance of winning. Toryvoting villages and suburbs were taken away from some urban constituencies held by Conservatives. The resulting smaller urban seats are more likely to be Labour, while the surrounding constituencies may become even more Tory. Lincoln has lost its Tory fringe wards to the new Sleaford and North Hykeham constituency. In Sussex, Crawley has become more marginal for the Tories through the loss of several villages. The Tories have suffered badly from the upheaval in London, potentially

losing seven seats against three for Labour.

These changes have offset the gains the Tories will make from the creation of seats in the shire counties where populations are expanding. The academics Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher have calculated what would have happened in these new seats in the 1992 general election. This is based on local election results.

According to their authoritative Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies, the net effect would have increased the Tory majority at the 1992 election by just six seats, as the Tories would notionally have gained seven seats, Labour two, while the Liberal Democrats would have lost two and there would be an extra seat in Northern Ireland.

The Tories have gained less than

they hoped and the new boundaries fail to remove the bias in favour of Labour, whose yote is concentrated in smaller constituencies. This trend has been aggravated by further shifts in population since

In England, Tory-held constituencies will have 1,300 more voters than Labour ones. This means that Labour will get a higher return in seats for any given share of the vote

would win 289 seats under the new percentage points and possibly

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Opposition parties must overcome the Forsyth factor and fear of the 'tartan tax'

Home rule is at the heart of campaign for Scottish votes

A being eagerly can-vassed north of the border: who is going to serve in the new Parliament? Will it be the same lot of deadbeats. or will there be a fresh breed of MP to lead Scotland into the bright new tomorrow? We are not talking here about the House of Commons. This is the new Scottish parliament, as promised by Labour in the event of its victory at the polls. It is this which makes the election campaign in Scotland different from the rest of Britain: the constitution, home rule and the nature of government will be dominant issues. Or will they? Last time, it

emerged that there was a yawning gap between the confident predictions of the pundits and the perception of the voters. Despite the generally received view that Scots were avid for change, reports began filtering back from the doorsteps in the course of the campaign that constitutional reform was not necessarily the topic of the moment. It seemed unemployment, health, education and tax ranked rather higher than whether there should be a Scottish parliament. And these succeeded in swinging the vote away from Labour, the dominant party, and marginally towards the underrated Tories, who not only held a number of seats they had expected to lose, but even gained a couple.

Nevertheless, it is the future

government of Scotland that will inform the campaign. with all parties being judged on their policies towards it. The spin-doctors will be hard at work, and any backsliding will result in immediate headlines. This does not mean it will be a rerun of 1992. Much has changed since then, not least the political geography of Scotland: all but nine of the 72 Scottish constituencies have redrawn boundaries, which could significantly alter results. More important is what one might term the Forsyth factor. Mock or dismiss it as they may, the opposition parties have to react to the highprofile campaign that Michael Forsyth has been waging virtually since he took office in 1995. By challenging Labour's assumption that Scots are largely in favour of devolution, and by warning of its dangers.

the Scottish Secretary has thrown his opposite number, George Robertson, on to the defensive. The phrase tartan tax" - crude but effective has become the common cur-Forsyth insisting that Scots would have to pay 3p more in the pound under a tax-raising parliament in Edinburgh. Labour protests that nothing of the sort would happen if the Scots did not want it, but the threat of extra taxation

under a future Labour govern-

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that he, rather than new Labour, has the interests of the country at heart.

t the same time, Labour has caused anxiety A has caused anxiety among some of its supporters by promising a two-question referendum before Scotland commits itself to a parliament of its own. Old hands wondered why this was necessary, since they had alvays believed it was an unconditional part of the manifesto. They also suspected that this was yet another example of policy being imposed from London rather than grown at home. The referendum issue has significantly added to tensions between new and old Labour, though polls still ment still hangs heavy in the indicate that most Scottish air. Wrapping himself in the voters would say "yes" to both Scottish flag. Mr Forsyth is questions - on the principle of

whether it should have taxvarying powers.

Despite these hiccups, Labour is likely to hold most if not all of its 49 seats. Indeed, the chances are that the party could add more, despite being almost at saturation point. The determination to win at all costs is still a more significant factor than the very real faultlines within the party, which may show up in the aftermath of an election, but will be plastered over until then. It has its eye on some key Tory marginals, including two held by ministers - Mr Forsyth's in Stirling, which requires a swing of only 0.3 per cent, and Malcolm Rifkind's in Edinburgh, Pentlands, where 4.5 per cent would be enough.

The only party which, on polling evidence, threatens its position is the Scottish National Party, standing at about 23 per cent to Labour's 45 per cent. But once again the SNP seems to promise more than it can deliver. Despite its popular support, analysis of the marginals suggests that it will struggle to translate that into gains from Labour. The party would need a swing of more than 5 per cent to win the most vulnerable seat, Western Isles.

If the SNP is to gain it will more likely be at the expense of the Tories (Ian Lang's Galloway seat is in their sights) or the Liberal Democrats, who are not doing well in the polls at the moment. They will be worrying about Gordon, held by their Treasury spokesman, Malcolm Bruce. Its boundaries have been redrawn to Mr Bruce's grave disadvantage, and the SNP, in third place last time,

The Liberal Democrats will have to fight hard to retain Sir David Steel's former seat of Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, and could lose Inverness East. Nairn and Lochaber, where Russell Johnston is standing down (this is the only genuine four-way contest, with only a few percentage points separat-ing the parties). On the other hand, if there is a real swing away from the Tories they could half-inch Lord James Douglas-Hamilton's Edinburgh West, and have a chance in the new Aberdeenshire West, held by another

minister, George Kynoch. So can the Conservatives even stay in double figures? On paper, they stand to lose five seats -- half their total. But two developments suggest caution. First, the gap will narrow considerably as the election approaches - as it did last time; secondly, MPs of the stature of Mr Forsyth, Mr Rifkind, and Mr Lang have a habit of holding out against the trend. And there will, as ever, be widespread tactical voting. All of which goes to show that it would be foolish to predict the result based on current polls. The best-laid predictions of psephologists in

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than the Tories. If both main parties win 39 per cent of the national vote, the Tories boundaries but Labour would win 322. So Labour could win an overall majority with merely one percentage point more of the overall vote than the Tories, while the Tories require a lead of at least four

seeking to convince the voters a Scottish parliament, and on Sectarian grip holds predictable outcome

THERE are barely a million voters in Northern Ireland but the fate of its people has been a persistent theme of the dissolved Parliament. No issue, save perhaps for

Europe, has absorbed so much of the Prime Minister's time and no development in these islands has attracted as much international attention as the progress of the peace process from negotiation to ceasefire and then back to Most of the main players in

the peace process will be standing in the election but even though the future of Ulster is more uncertain than any other part of the United Kingdom, the result of the electoral contest there is all too drearily predictable. Because voters choose parties on religious rather than secular grounds, allegiances owe anything else. The Protestant majority

concentrated in the north and east of the Province tend to vote for Unionist parties and the Roman Catholic minority. which is stronger in the south and west, toes a nationalist line. There is competition within communities between relatively moderate and more uncompromising parties. The Unionist vote divides between David Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party, which boasts nine MPs, and Ian Paisley's trio of

Democratic Unionists. In North Down, Ulster's wealthiest constituency with a tradition of electing independents, the barrister Robert McCartney sits as a UK Unionist, to the left of the UUP on social and religious issues but as inflexible as the

Divisions will remain after

the vote, says

The DUP, in turn, could see some of its working-class vote drawn to the fringe loyalist parties with paramilitary links. A weakening of its support in the East Belfast heartland of Peter Robinson. issues but as inflexible as the DUP on the constitution. The prove the non-sectarian Alli-

not change hands.

Michael Gove

DUP will exploit the UUP's support for John Major and a more flexible negotiating stance to divide it from its hardline support.

ance Party's chance in its one winnable seat. Mr McCartney could be vulnerable to a wellorganised UUP campaign. But the overwhelming likelihood is that seats where Unionists are competing will

to divide between John Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party, founded on consent and non-violence, and Gerry Adams's Sinn Fein. the political wing of the IRA. The SDLP has four MPs and Sinn Fein none. The Unionist parties tend to compete only in those constituencies where the Protestant population is healthily in the majority, lest a split in Unionist ranks allows a nationalist

The nationalist vote tends

gain. No such arrangement exists between Sinn Fein and the SDLP. Although their leaders are

in dialogue to advance their agenda for peace. Mr Hume rejected the offer of a deal to unseat vulnerable Unionists. Even without a pact, Sinn Fein is expected to do well in the rural west and Martin McGuinness has a chance of taking Mid-Ulster.

The best bet for a Sinn Fein gain is the West Belfast seat of the SDLP MP Joe Hendron, which Mr Adams is poised to retake. Sinn Fein prospects have been harmed by the it remains relatively low in the Province, republican chances of at least one gain should not

tarian barriers as firm as ever and an advance for republicanism is unlikely to cheer whoever occupies Downing Street and picks up the grimy threads of the peace process.



Half a million children are expected to vote in school

First class lessons for leaders of the future

trange things can happen when a school decides to stage its own version of the general election. Just ask Tony

The Labour leader's first political campaign was as a 13year-old classroom candidate in the run-up to the 1966 general election. Memories of this occasion are, however, likely to turn Mr Blair an unfamiliar shade of red. When he stood on the hustings at Durham Choristers School he was singing the praises of the

Conservative Party. In the coming weeks, thousands of school pupils are set to follow in those first formative footsteps. The results may be an unreliable indicator of future events but the exercise will be a vaiuable lesson in democracy, according to the Hansard Society, which is backing a national poll of

school ballots by BBC's Newsround. The afternoon current affairs show, watched by five million young viewers, will broadcast a school election special on the Friday before the real vote.

The Hansard Society and Newsround first staged a national schools' survey in 1987, when the Conservatives secured the most votes, although not enough to form an overall majority. In the 1992 school vote, Labour won 236 seats compared with the Conservatives 190, 112 for the Liberal Democrats, 39 for the Scottish National Party. 30 for Green

and 15 for others. This year more than half a million children are expected to vote, either by phone or on the Internet in the first ever online mock election. BT and Microsoft's Schools Election Online, at BT's CampusWorld Internet site, carries a wealth

David Charter finds a way to

bring the election alive in schools

of information, including some colourful details about the parties.

Microsoft is offering to send schools a free copy of its CD-Rom, Communications Tools For Schools, and is sponsoring a competition for the most inventive use of its products in election projects. Teachers can sign up for the

Newsround Election by calling 0990 100 300 for voting by telephone, or 0345 573393 if voting by Internet Their school will be sent a pack on how to enter the national poll. A host of curriculum opportunites are detailed alongside a suggested ten-day timetable.

On the first day, the election

is formally announced in assembly, with a teacher coordinator named, as well as an electoral register compiler and teacher-advisers. Day two brings the issuing of voter registration forms. Pupils aged seven to 18 can vote.

A returning officer should be appointed to oversee the count. Prospective candidates should make themselves known to the returning officer. or the officer may want to choose the party's candidates. Concurrent selection meetings should be publicised on day three for the following day. Day four brings the close of nominations and the choice of candidates on a vote at the selection meeting. Campaign-

five marks the closing date for voter registration, enabling the electoral register compiler to complete by day six. Polling cards should be issued to registered voters on day seven. No card, no vote. The teacher-in-charge needs

to form vote counting teams by

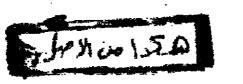
day eight and identify polling station sites. Day nine is the final day of the campaign. which could include a formal question and answer session. Finally comes the day of the vote, with a clear deadline set for the close of the poll. Candidates are informed of the result in confidence just before the official announce-

ment by the returning officer. in case a recount is needed. Once the announcement has been made, the teacher-incharge notifies Newsround. Jackie Lang, this year's president of the Girls' Schools

Association and headmistress of Walthamstow Hall in Sevenoaks, Kent, is all in favour of the cut and thrust of political debate taking over her school. As an old girl there, she can remember several mock campaigns, including the 1959 election when she was the Labour agent.

There was the candidate and me and that was all the Labour supporters, so I do not have too good memories of it," she says. Mrs Lang's only concern is that pupils of the Nineties are not as interested in politics as pupils of the Sixties and Seventies. "They are a bit cynical about party polities, they are more interested in world issues."

There are, of course, senior politicians who would agree that at a young age, it is not the party that counts, it is the taking part. Just ask Tony



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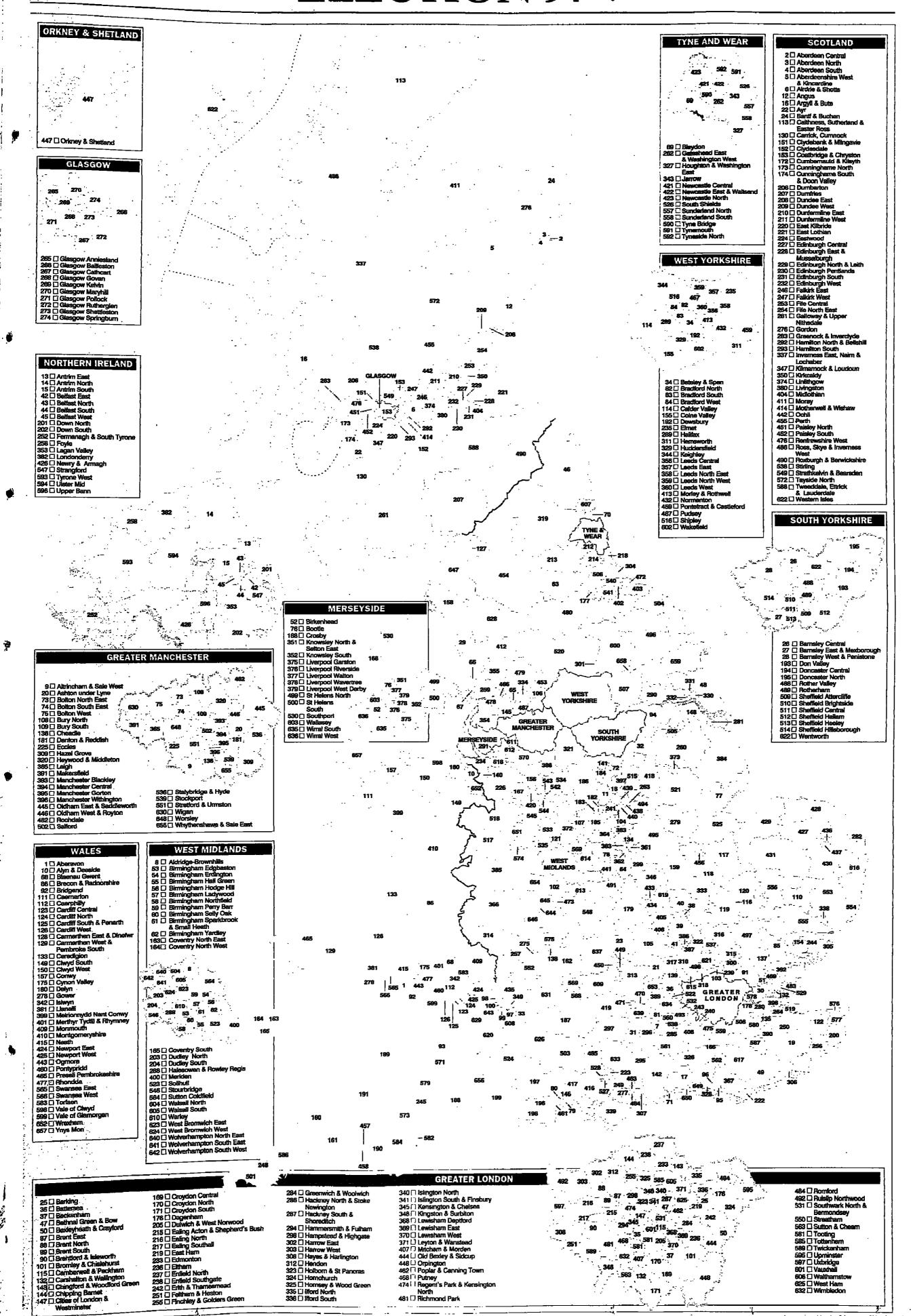
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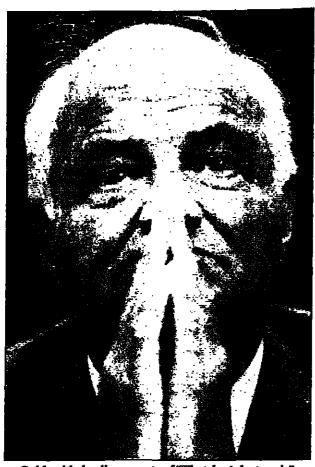
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Andrew Pierce assesses the prospects of the new parties in the poll



Goldsmith: leading a party of "Thatcher's lost souls"

THE financier Sir James Goldsmith has lavished almost £20 million of his personal fortune on the Referendum Party, which is fielding more than 550 candidates in the election. Few political observers expect him to reap a significant return on his investment.

History has not been kind to single issue parties. National opinion polls show that despite a series of full-page newspaper advertisements, the Referendum Party has never commanded more than 1 per cent of the electorate's support. The party has one whether Britain should be part of a federal Europe or a bloc of independent trading nations. Critics argue that Sir James, who is an MEP in France, secretly supports Britain's withdrawal from the European Union.

The party members, reput-ed to number 100,000, have been denounced as a barmy army of flag-waving Little Englanders, Jimmy's rabble and Thatcher's lost souls. The Goldsmith party has a strong appeal to Tory rightwingers still in mourning for Margaret Thatcher, Some Tory strategists have estimated that the

Goldsmith's cash will yield poor political profit

the Tories up to 20 seats. Candidates' voting and

speaking records on referendums have dictated whether they face a Goldsmith challenge. Some of the 75-plus Tory MPs who backed Bill Cash's Referendum Bill last year were trying to demonstrate their Eurosceptic prowess to keep Sir James at bay. It has not worked for every-

one. Veteran Eurosceptics such as Sir Michael Spicer will still face a challenge. But Alan Clark, the new Tory candidate in Kensington and Chelsea, will not, despite the fact that he has no record of Clark is an old friend of Sir James Norman Lamont and John Redwood have also been soared. John Major, Michael Howard, Brian Mawhinney and Malcolm Rifkind will be

Sir James scored a public relations triumph with the recruitment of Sir Alan Walters and Lord McAlpine of West Green, who were chief cheerleaders to Margaret Thatcher. John Aspinall and Bellamy are

Contrary to some reports, the candidates, who will put up their own deposits, are not predominantly retired colonels. Their average age is 46, compared with 41 for the Tories and 45 for Labour.

The party has moved a long way since its founding was announced in November 1994. It was launched on October 19, 1996, with a one-day conference at Brighton. The movement has grown from a oneman operation in Buckingham Palace Road, central London, and is now based in a high-tech centre in Westmin-

payroll and ten regional offices. No one disputes that Sir James has focused attention on the European issue. But for all his energy and expenditure it is likely that he will end up with only a few hundred votes in most constituencies.
The UK Independence Par-

ty, which is committed to Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, has benefited from a series of defections from the Referendum Party. Regional offices have been opened in several towns and the party hopes to contest more than 500 seats. In April the party polled more than 1,200 votes at the Staffordshire

South East by-election. The Pro-Life Alliance, an anti-abortion organisation, announced in January that it would field at least 50 candidates. But it suffered a serious setback when it became apparent that £25,000 expected from Mohamed Al Fayed to underwrite candidates' deposits would not materialise.

The Green Party, which lost almost 200 deposits at the last election, defeated a call at its most recent annual conference to withdraw from the general election. About 80 members

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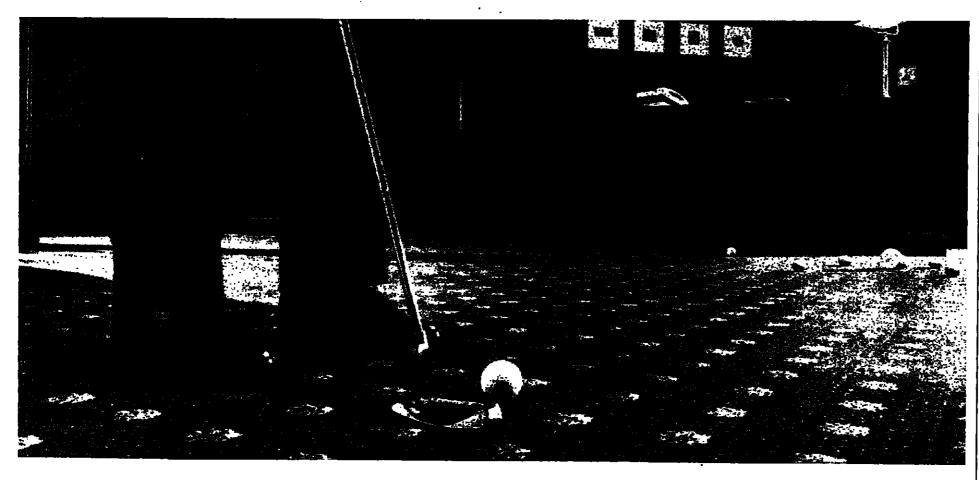
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in January and promised to streamline the unwieldy UN bureaucracy in the hope of convincing a sceptical Congress to pay off Washington's \$1.3 hillion in arrears. Mr Annan had originally intended to launch his reform effort with a report in July, covering all aspects of the organisation. But he came under pressure to act more quickly, and yesterday an-

His boldest gesture was to combine the three existing UN

IN TIRANA FATOS NANO, hailed as Albania's

day from his demands that President Berisha resign immediately. Mr Nano, a former Socialist Prime Minister who was jailed for four years by Mr Berisha on trumped-up charges, said that free and fair elections were the ideal way

They were loading up a rusting tug when I arrived at the waterfront. Several hundred Albanians, most of them young men, were packed together on the desk and bridge.

and they quickly turned on strangers, seeing them as a potential source of cash. Many of them are armed, kept at bay from rushing the boats only by the better armed gangs.
One group debated about taking a journalist's interpret-

port. Their mood was ugly

Government of national unity.

small nation." The present lull in the mayhem

sade would begin in his birthplace and rebel stronghold of Gjirokaster. Representatives of the new Gov-

was "the first healthy fruit or flower" to emerge from Albania's

weeks, the army lost most of its guns. In the South they remain in knows it's a disaster to distinguish Viore were held over the weekend.

The Italian coast swarms with naval craft and patrols to catch those who try to land anywhere else than at Bari or Brindisi, and those disembarking there do so straight into the arms of Italian security forces.

stark choice, either to

capitalise on the exodus or be

the moment I don't even feel

safe among my own people."

There is no longer any merable incidents of reluctant skippers being told at gunpoint to "lend" their boat chance of a surreptitious landing in a deserted Italian cove. to the gangsters. Ilirian looks like a pirate but insists he is innocent of traf-

ficking refugees, even though there is a crowd waiting outside his house asking for not sure." passage on his fishing boat. But he is sure that his family He is blind in one eye, which

had arrived safely, which is gives off an opaque glow, and more than most who see their

bundled-up babies.

head of the coastguard, said

most of the 900 rescued pas-

sengers had been transferred

to an Italian tug and taken to

Bari. All were safe. But Italian

marines had to be put on the

tug to keep order when scuf-

fles broke out, he said. The

"I sent my family to Italy

three days ago to be safe and

have some chance in life," he

mutters, scratching his torn

shirtsleeves. They did not

have anywhere to stay when

flew 36 Albanians who had men, women and children, the men carrying a few beto Tirana, including, according to unconfirmed reports, longings, the women carrying Admiral Renato Ferraro,

ing Albanian crews who

Andrea Gentile, the city's

brought refugees in.

Flood of refugees overwhelms southern Italy rior Minister, said Italy was

would be set up at Bari military airport for the refu-

overwhelmed by an exodus of refugees had set out from desperate refugees crossing Viore, but after 20 hours at sea the 40 miles from Albania in a their ship had a broken rudmakeshift flotilla of leaking, der and had run out of fuel. It rusty and overcrowded boats. was about to sink when the Many sag perilously close to coastguards arrived. In a bizarre twist, Italian the waterline, their decks packed with cold, starving naval helicopters yesterday

rod, once touted by Mr Yeltsin as a future Kremlin leader, accepted the job of First Deputy Prime Minister with responsibility for some of the toughest problems facing Russia today. The Kremlin leader, who described his new minister as

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yes-

terday promoted one of Rus-

sia's most popular and able

reformers to a senior post in

his Government, in a move

regarded by some as laying

the groundwork for his

succession.

social problems.

cow, have attracted visits from John Major and Baroness to the Government will be

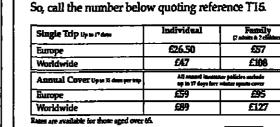
been whittled away.

others take over or leave." charismatic and bright, but he is the only figure in government elected by a large majority in last year's gubernatorial elections. His successful economic reforms in Nizhny Novgorod, an industrial region on the Volga river east of Mos-

As he speaks, inexplicably a small boat out at sea fires a burst of machinegun fire tiny craft is in imminent across the bows of another. hear the Adriatic in it. It's not has lost three fingers on his relatives drift away into the danger of being taken from Gangs settling old scores? such a good sound at the

> a heavily pregnant woman and a newborn baby, had to be rescued by helicopters and coastguards operating in heavy seas. Some Albanians





as she stepped onto the quay-side at Brindisi after a 20-hour they arrived in Italy, but neither did any of the others. fisherman all my life and sea journey.
But Ilirian is very afraid. know the good and bad in this He does not wish me to They have probably been sent town. Right now the bad have leave through the front door, got the guns." Although he sent his wife and so he ushers me out of the north to a refugee camp — I'm two children together with his back unseen.

talk, a friend of Ilirian runs in

to tell him that he has just seen

the fisherman's wife on Italian

television, blinking owlishly

into the glare of camera lights

brothers and their wives out

on a comrade's boat, his own

asked to be repatriated back braced for a huge influx of refugees On Sunday, another Alba-President Berisha's 19-yearnian naval vessel carrying old son, who fled to Italy last nearly 900 refugees, some clinging to her sides and week. But hundreds more masts, ran aground two miles southwest of Brindisi. The made the hazardous crossing to Italy and the hard-pressed refugees on board, including authorities at Brindisi declared the port closed, arrest-

"Nemtsov's appointment is great coup for Yeltsin, because he has managed to attract a popular reformist with real experience into his Government," said a foreign analyst. "For Nemtsov, it is a high-risk strategy. He has taken on some of the toughest work in government, but if he succeeds he could become the next Prime Minister or President. Chernomyrdin will have to sit there and watch the Mr Nemtsov is not only

Some refugees are being transferred to central Italian towns and boatloads of Alba-

American Express annual travel insurance from £59. Because you never know who

being turned back? No one things, but not in Albania," he "Take this," he adds, giving me a conch shell. You can

Refugees wave after being rescued from a sinking vessel by Italian coastguard helicopters

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK departments that deal with economic and social affairs. Beloved by Third World na-tions, which benefit from their KOFI ANNAN, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday announced a wave of managerial reforms delargesse, the three departsigned to woo American critics ments had been criticised by of the organisation. Mr Annan said he estimat-Western nations for duplicaed that the reforms would cut tion. Mr Annan promised,

technical support for UN meetings.

the average Albanian's annual

woman among the throng on the quayside at Durres. "We are in total despair here. All our hopes for the development of democracy over the last five years have been smashed. I've just got to get out." Yet those who can afford the journey face uncertainty from the moment they hand over their money to one of the local gangs in the decrepit docks at Durres. They may have to wait days for a boat, sleeping rough in the port's derelict buildings, only to be crammed upon a vessel barely seaworthy for a 40-mile night voyage

to the Italian coast at Brindisi.

Even when they arrive they

are met by Italian police and

taken off to a refugee camp,

certainly be repatriated at the

The two-week-old insurrec-

tion may have wrecked the

economy and ruined the lives

of most civilians, but the armed mafia gangs plying the

appease Congress

UN chief launches

nounced all the changes that fall within his power. Through these reforms, we can do even more good, even more efficiently." Mr Annan

peacemaker, backed down yester-

Colleagues praised the move, saying Mr Nano was attempting to avert a civil war. They fear that Berisha loyalists are being recruited and armed by the Interior Ministry,

and that any push for the Presi-dent's resignation could provoke a

Some scrabbled to find a position hanging from the rails. The boat looked as if it was about to capsize even before it left the quay.

A handful of police hung around nervously at the dock's

er hostage while others closed in with an eye to taking walkets or cameras. The scene is being repeated in ports the length of Albania's coastline. "I've been sleeping here for seven days waiting for a boat out," one man said. "I am the

only earner in my family. I ve

more money as a refugee in

Italy and send it back. But at

Further reform was consigned to a "second track" that requires the agreement of UN member states, who are now working in several committees on such fundamental changes as expanding the 15-nation Security Council and altering the amount that each government pays. Western officials praised Mr Annan's reform

however, that any money saved by their consolidation

would be channeled into other

The Department of Public

Information, another target of

Western attacks, is to be

transformed into a new Office

of Communications and

development programmes.

Settlement site readied for battle FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PALESTINIAN hospitals

were put on an emergency

footing yesterday and Israeli

troop reinforcements, includ-

ing tanks and snipers, rushed

to the occupied territories as

both sides squared off for

battle over a planned new

settlement for 32,000 Jews in

The site at Har Homa, a

hillside in clear view of the

churches of Bethlehem, began

to resemble a battleground as

Palestinians erected the first

protest tents and scores of

Israeli soldiers in comhat gear

took up firing positions to protect the buildozers.

chief representative in Jerusa-

lem, said that Palestinians

would man the tents round the

clock in anticipation of work

starting on the site.

occupied east Jerusalem.

Media Services. A new Department of General Assem-Israeli intelligence reports bly Affairs and Conference have spoken of the likelihood Services will be set up out of of Palestinian police joining in existing offices to streamline any confrontation, as they did last September in riots sparked by Israel's opening of an archaeological tunnel in east Jerusalem. Nearly 80 people died and 1,500 were wounded then, but Israel was undeterred: the tunnel entrance remains open. Faisal Husseini, the PLO's

Mr Nano, in his first public

appearance after being freed from jail last week, showed no animosity towards a President who had delighted in humiliating him; Mr Berisha insisted that his head be shaved before being sent to jail. Mr Nano said: "I am inclined to shake hands with him as an Albanian citizen rather than as a President." Outside the Socialist Party head-

serves the whole nation," Luca Ruci,

a former army officer, said. "He

arms being distributed as part of a "law and order" campaign are

falling into the hands of pro-Berisha militants. A complete rift has also occurred between the Defence and Interior ministries. Broadly, the Defence Ministry and the army are represented in Government by the opposition Socialists, while Mr Berisha's Democratic Party keeps a firm rein on the Interior Ministry and the Shik secret police.

In the turmoil of the past two

are now being handed to new police recruits. Western diplomats fear that something unpleasant is afoot.
"I've seen some of these guys who are getting guns and they don't look the most savoury types," said one.

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political wilderness. Despite the hopes of a majority of the population that Europe would intervene militarily to end the anarchy, he helieved that domestic political dialogue could resolve the crisis. "My party and other political parties should act in an aggressive way as peacemaking missionaries. We don't need any [UN] blue helmets and others," he said as a high-level European assessment team flew into Tirana yesterday for talks on how to help the new broad-based Government end the anarchy. The

Paskal Milo, one of the opposition prime ministerial candidates whom Mr Berisha rejected last week, said Mr Nano was the ideal man to guide Albania back from the brink of self-destruction. "He's cultivated, a genuine reformist and a good economist."However, he feared that offering Mr Berisha the chance to be toppled in an election could backfire because of Shik's infiltration of the Interior Ministry. This, he said, was the President's last attempt to divide Albania permanently. "Berisha is a very dangerous man. If he does not

the national unity Government.



An Albanian gunman fires over the heads of people trying to flee from the port of Durres yesterday. Most of those who succeed in reaching Italy will be repatriated

BY RICHARD OWEN

AS THE number of Albani-

ans fleeing across the Adriatic to Italy swelled to more than

6,000 yesterday, Italian coast-

guards mounted a rescue

operation to pluck to safety

900 refugees clinging to a stricken Albanian naval ship

sinking 20 miles from the

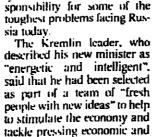
Southern Italy is being

Italian coast.

hijacked by others who wish to

do so. There have been innu-

chief of police, said all reception centres were full. Those still streaming across from Albania will be directed to other southern ports, but they, too, are at bursting point. Giorgio Napolitano, the Inte-



Mr Nemisov, 37, will be in

charge of social matters and

relations with the regions and

will work alongside Anatoli

Chubais, another young re-

former, who will hold the

same rank with responsibility

"This is an interesting con-

cept," said Mr Yeltsin, clearly

delighted with his new an-

for the economy and finance.

Boris Nemtsov, the boyish Governor of Nizhny Novgo-Nemtsov: intelligent and charismatic pointment. Two young men - you and Anatoli Chubais create a fresh young team in

the Government, from scratch. No one Jelsel has been appointed yet. All candidates

Deputy Prime Ministers."

ter, who has watched

The rise of the "Young Turks" certainly impressed the business community with the stock market rising on the news. But it also left grave doubts over the future of Viktor Chernomyrdin, the solid but plodding Prime Minis-

Yeltsin gives tough job

Thatcher, not to mention th agreed with the two First politicians. promising a campaign enjoyed by bureaucrats Moscow, including a threat

to popular reformer

jumped into the bitterly cold water to swim ashore and were not seen again. Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, flew to Brindisi for talks. The authorities an-

envy of other Russia Within minutes of his a pointment. he was alread crack down on the per confiscate the Mercedes lin ousines so beloved by Russian

nians have arrived at ports as far north as Ravenna.

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"There is a very well organised mafia operation knows. Ilirian rolls his eyes here. I cannot speak to you about it in detail, but there are and spreads his hands in incomprehension. "All over so many armed bands who the world you can predict operate in the port. I've been a

gees, nearly all destitute and, in many cases, without identification papers. In the meantime refugees in Brindisi, Bari, Otranto and Lecce are being housed in church halls, barracks, hotels and schools, with the Roman Catholic charity Caritas providing clothing and food. "The situation is very grave," the Archbishop of Lecce, Mgr Cosmo Francesco Lupi, said.

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Papua army chief sacked for protest over mercenaries

FROM NOEL PASCOE IN PORT MORESE

PAPUA New Guinea's army chief was sacked last night after he had openly challenged the Government's authority over the hiring of a British mercenary force.

Sir Julius Chan, the Prime Minister, said the Cabinet dismissed Brigadier-General Jerry Singirok, the Defence Force commander, after examining the text of an interview. broadcast on Papua New Gui-nea radio, in which he called on the Prime Minister and two Cabinet colleagues to resign.

The army is enraged that a mercenary force has been hired to help to put down a Bougainville island. The mercenaries were yesterday ordered to leave Papua New Guinea by General Singirok. He said the military was them. "We will facilitate their movement back to Africa as soon as we can get their tickets organised," he said.

General Singirok said he could not stand by and let the Government spend so much money on foreign troops while Papua New Guinea's own soldiers went without food, pay and supplies. I'm only doing it in the interests of my own men," he said.

Jack Tuat, the Defence Force chief of staff, said the mercenaries, among whom

lian soldiers, were being detained for their own safety. They have been detained, not arrested, under special security laws," he said.

General Singirok said Sir Julius, Chris Haiveta, his deputy, and Mathias Ijape. the Minister for Defence, should go. He called on "all Papua New Guineans to join hands and force them to resign" if they did not step down within 48 hours.

The general urged investigators to disclose what they had uncovered about a numof rumoured political scandals over purchases of foreign property, a road construction contract and a much criticised water supply deal. Sir Julius described General

Singirok's stand as "insubor-Bob Nenta, the Police Com-

missioner who had earlier in the day been linked with Mr Singirok, dissociated himself



and the 4,000-strong police force from General Singirok's stand, after briefing the Prime

Sir Julius said that what General Singirok had done was constitutionally wrong. He said the general was a party to the original proposal to employ the mercenaries and that he had overseen the operation by hiring instructors, purchasing equipment and training military

The Australian Government, which along with the United States and New Zealand has vehemently opposed the use of mercenaries, said it was watching developments closely. A spokesman for John Howard, the Prime Minister, said the Government feared this sort of destabilisation would occur with the introduc-

tion of mercenaries. The nine-year-old secessionist conflict is one of the world's ast reported wars and has claimed the lives of several hundred people.

The rebels forced the closure of the giant Panguna copper mine, which accounted for 40 per cent of Papua New Guinea's export earnings.

Part of Sir Julius's plan was for his Government to pur-chase a majority shareholding in the mine, so that more of the profits could be distributed to



Scramble begins as wealthy flee Zairean capital

IN KINSHASA

FOREIGNERS and wealthy Zaireans scrambled to get out of Zaire's capital, that the ailing President Mobutu had been taken to a French hospital. At the same time, the Government

went into a crisis meeting to head off a military coup and embassies advised their citizens to leave. French officials in Paris said yesterday that the health of Mr Mobutu, 66, was "an additional source of concern in the Zairean crisis". The statement came after he was taken to a clinic in Monaco from his Riviera home. Some analysts believed this may

have been a stunt to avoid returning home to a nation in turmoil after rebels seized Kisangani last weekend.

In Kinshasa, local people believe that their President will die soon. "He is dead politically. He will not come back here until he is dead absolutely. Jean Matadi. 36, a street-seller, said. After a five-hour crisis meeting of all

ministers and provincial governors, Kinshasa's administration issued a statement begging residents not to panic. It dismissed as rumour reports of a coup plot. But political and military sources confirmed yesterday that several groups had been trying to organise soldiers to depose Léon Kengo wa Dondo, the Prime Minister.

looks in jeopardy. In the short

term, foreign policy offers a refuge, with five trips planned

including the Helsinki summit with President Yeltsin later

this week. But his aides fear

that, if the bureaucratic log-

jam of the campaign finance

investigations does not lift

soon, his ambitious domestic

agenda for his second term

The State Department is

weeks behind schedule in

nominating ranks of ambas-

sadors and assistant secretar-

ies while it investigates whether any have connec-

tions, particularly with Asia,-

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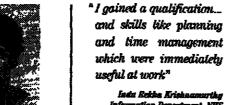
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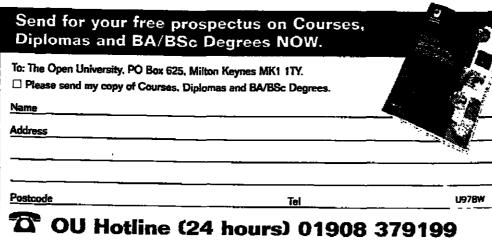
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New York museum returns stolen art

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S Metropolitan Museum of Art returned a precious sculpture to Cambodia yesterday in a rare reversal of the traffic of antiques from the Far East to the United States.

Martin Lerner, the museum's curator of southeast Asian art, travelled to Phnom Penh to hand back a carved, 10th-century sandstone head of Shiva. which the Met was given in 1985 but which it later found to be stolen.

Mr Lerner also handed over an 11th-century bust of similar provenance. He had persuaded its American owner to give it back to Cambodia.

The Met's decision to return the Hindu god carving coincided with a recent call from the International Council of Museums to Western art institutions to stop the trade in stolen Cambodian art. While it may not set an example for the return of booty from earlier generations such as the Elgin Marbles, yesterday's action by one of America's richest museums was a striking acknowledgement that are imports need to be more

keenly policed. The International Council of Museums published a list of pillaged artwork from Cambodia which made its way to Europe. The works which were returned yesterday came from Cambodia's Angkor temples. Harold Holzer, a Met spokesman, said that the museum accepted the Shiva head in 1985 from an anonymous donor who did not realise that it had been plundered.

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FBI gave donation warning in 1995 to White House

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

THE White House knew in 1995 that the Chinese Government would try to influence United States elections, a Republican senator claimed

Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the judiciary committee and member of the intelligence committee. said that the FBI had told the State Department, the Justice Department, the CIA and the intelligence committees in both houses of Congress of the

threat. The latest accusation comes as questions about fundraising and foreign influence in the election last year begin to cripple the machinery of government. Washington wits point to pictures of President Clinton, his leg bandaged after last week's surgery on his knee, as a fitting symbol of a

hamstrung Administration. Mr Clinton's promise to

tions that Mr Clinton was influenced govern from the "vital centre"

US parade halts for Irish famine victims

By QUENTIN LETTS

ANTI-BRITISH feelings ran high in New York yesterday when, for the first time in 235 years, the annual St Patrick's Day parade halted, midmarch, to observe a minute's silence for victims of the 19thcentury Irish famine.

Blame for the disastrous potato blight of 150 years ago was laid squarely on the British Government of the day by the parade's organisers. The politicisation of the parade, in turn, generated anger against modern Britain. As the shrieking bagpipes

died yesterday morning and the pink-kneed brigades of Irish-American school children making their way up Manhattan's Fifth Avenue came to a crisp halt, there was palpable tension before the bells of St Patrick's Cathedral rang out to mark the end of the

memorial silence. The sight of old men in black berets and thick-hipped female flag-bearers holding the frish tricolour aloft defiantly, suddenly made the parade route feel no place to be British Paddy's Day in New York yesterday was as Britunfriendly a parade as those seen in the days of Bobby Sands's hunger strike.



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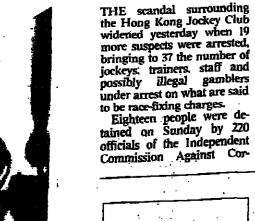
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Chinese see piles of dead children in North Korea

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN DANDONG, CHINA

of food rationing and out-

CHINESE lorry drivers ferrying grain supplies to North starvation were news to the United Nations Development Korea said they had seen corpses of children lying aban-Programme. Arthur Holdoned and described scenes of combe, its official who is a hunger and deprivation in the frequent visitor to North Koworld's last Stalinist state. rea, said in Beijing last week saw the bodies of dead that, while there was widechildren lying in corners halfspread malnutrition because covered by plastic sheets." Ma

Qiwu, 43, a native of this city

Mr Ma and other drivers

waiting beside their vehicles

loaded with 55lb sacks of

wheat flour, to cross the steel-

span China-Korea Friendship

Bridge, said parents of the dead children had either died

from starvation or cold. They

had left their mountain vil-

lages and rural areas to beg

for food or scavenge in cities

like Sinuiju, situated opposite

Dandong in China's northeast

huddling around small fires,"

said Mr Ma, who has been

driving to Sinuiju since 1982.

They look for food in refuse

dumps but there is nothing

North Korea has suffered

two years of floods and crop

failures. In Sinuiju, a former

petrochemical site with a population of 720,000, children

were still going to school, but

most factories were idle

because of a lack of fuel. A

paper mill was operating at

half capacity, Mr Ma said.

there. Most wear no shoes."

You see freezing children

Liaoning province.

breaks of rickets and scurvy, on the Yalu river that divides "the UN has not seen starva-China from North Korea, tion or heard of any deaths". said. I have also seen the It has not been possible to bodies of dead children stacked in backs of lorries." verify independently the driv-

> **6** Freezing children look for food in refuse dumps but there's nothing there **9**

ers' reports, but their stories tally with that of Dandong residents. Residents said the people of Sinuiju have been foraging in the mountains for edible grass and plants.

The comparison between Sinuiju and Dandong, about a mile apart, is stark at night; the North Korean city is well-lit Dandong bustles with activity. Along Sinuiju's riverbank unseaworthy-looking vessels lie anchored, idle factories stand like tombstones. and a restaurant lies derelict.

The reports of deaths and A red banner pledges honour to late President Kim II Sung and his son "Dear Leader". Kim Jong 11.

On their daily trips to North Korea, the Chinese drivers take along food for North Korean frontier guards and customs officials. They also take flour or corn to barter for scrap metal, iron, zinc, dried fish, herbs and silkworms.

On his journey, Mr Ma drives 18 miles into North Korea until the road narrows; then local drivers take over. He said the ordinary people were forbidden to speak to the Chinese, "There are no shops. restaurants or dining halls over there," he said, gesturing across the Yalu river towards Sinuiju, "People look too weak

Mr Holcombe said North Korea was heading for its most difficult summer in seven years since the collapse of its benefactor, the former Soviet Union. From June until the next harvest in September, there will essentially be no grain crop available for the population," he said.

Relief workers said they fear that the authorities would not be able to deliver even the present meagre ration of 802 of grain a day per person which is already half the amount needed to maintain body

Analysts predict that North Korea could collapse in two years, and it would be chaotic like Albania, another state in



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Villagers and volunteers dig mud from a river in Sukchoun, 30 miles north of Pyongyang, after severe floods damaged the embankment

Britain to donate £495,000 in crisis food aid

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED NATIONS relief officials have visited flood-stricken areas in North Korea and urged other nations to send food aid without delay, the communist state's official media reported yesterday.

In Seoul last night, the British Embassy announced that Britain will donate £495,000 for emergency food aid to North Korea through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent.

The embassy said the donation for the purchase of rice, soy beans and

month. "Latest reports show that there are no food reserves or funds available for food aid distribution in April to the 139,000 inhabitants of North Korea who are still dependent of the North Korean Red Cross and the IFRC for assistance," an embassy statement

The donation is the largest made by the British Government to North Korea, where aid agencies report near famine conditions due to three years of bad harvests and serious flooding. The North's Korean Central News Agency said Catherine Bertini, executive director of the Rome-based World Food Programme, and other UN officials, visited North Hwanghae province, south of Pyongyang, one of the worst hit areas.

During the visit, Ms Bertini urged other nations "immediately to supply 100.000 tonnes of food", agency workers said. The UN has appealed for \$41.6 million (£26 million) in emergen-The World Food has warned that

North Korea could suffer a famine this spring if outside aid did not The UN officials also visited a nursery, a kindergarten and houses, and watched workers reclaim farm land buried under rocks and mud, the

The floods have devastated about a third of the North's arable land, worsening its chronic food shortages, according to UN officials. International aid groups are working to get food aid into the country.

Food rations across North Korea have dropped to less than a quarter of the level normally considered essential to maintain a healthy population. according to international aid workers

Bonn insists it will meet monetary union target

From Charles Bremner in Brussels

GERMANY insisted yester-Bonn's embarrassment over day that it would meet the key test for economic and monetary union (EMU) in time for its launch, but Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, acknowledged that it would overshoot the lesser national debt ceiling set in the Maastricht treaty. Faced with mounting of the former F.

'Sunrise or sunset?" Bensch's view of the single European currency in the Handelsblatt paper

to qualify for the euro, Herr Waigel told European Union to the Union. finance ministers that, despite high unemployment, he was certain he could bring the budget deficit below 3 per cent of gross domestic product. The 3 per cent limit on the 1997 budget is the key criterion for entry to EMU. The deficit was 3.8 per cent of GDP last year.

its struggle to qualify for EMU was on display, however, when Herr Waigel admitted that the country's national debt would overshoot the Maastricht ceiling of 60 per cent of GDP. He said that Bonn merited indulgence because of the huge cost of integrating the weak economy est Germany as well as the fact that it is by far the biggest net contributor

The treaty allows for leeway on debt in exceptional circumstances, but Germany's failure to keep within the limit undermines its drive to ensure that EMU is launched without the "fudging" that could presage a soft euro encom-

37 detained in Hong Kong

Jockey Club racing scandal

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ruption. Among those in de-

tention are said to be some of

the colony's leading jockeys,

apprentices, trainers, "ma-

foos" or grooms, and jockey club staff. Five people have

been released on bail. More

than 40 have been "invited for

often said to be more influen-

tial than Government House

or the stock exchange. Its

annual betting revenues have exceeded £5 billion.

It is illegal here to name

anyone detained by the anticorruption commission or to

report information relating to the case which has not been

released by the commission.

Those in custody must be

charged within 48 hours.

However, it is said that a well-

known Australian trainer and

a leading jockey have been

There is speculation in the

questioned and released.

The club, founded in 1884, is

questioning".

passing weaker currencies such as the lira. Senior German officials said the debt was more a political embarrassment at home than an impediment to EMU qualification. Belgium. Italy and several other EMU candidates are

counting on an article of the Maastricht treaty, which says excessive debt can be overdropping towards the ceiling. EU officials acknowledged that in Germany's case, the figure would actually rise to 61.7 per cent this year.

The EU's council of finance ministers gave its blessing to Germany's deficit-cutting plans, as well as those of France, noting that Bonn had promised fresh budget measures if there was any sign of slippage. Jean Arthuis, the French Finance Minister, said long conversations with Herr Waigel had convinced him Germany would make the grade even if it missed its 2.5 per cent growth forecast this

New talk of delay in the 1999 launch of the euro was fuelled by a weekend interview in which Herr Waigel said the criteria for EMU were more important than the calendar appeared to open the possibility of delay. The German minister said his remarks had been misread because he had been saying the same thing for the past 18 months, "I am amazed by this

interpretation." he said. Jürgen Stark, a junior fi-nance minister, said suggestions that Herr Waigel was contemplating a delay were "absolute rubbish".

colony that Triads are in-

volved, and that the case is

connected to a disputed race

last October when jockeys were suspected of "pulling

up". A jockey and an appren-

The anti-corruption com-

mission raided the racecourse

on Sunday night, sealed off

the weighing and changing rooms and detained appren-

tice jockeys. The commission

says that it also broke into 55

The jockey club has a

monopoly of racing in Hong

Kong. The vast revenues from

betting support charities, hos-

pitals and sports grounds. Its

board, stewards and mem-

bers include most of Hong

One of Deng Xiaoping's

best known statements about

Hong Kong's future after the

transfer of sovereignty is:

Kong's richest figures.

"Keep on horse-racing".

tice were suspended.

premises that night.

WORLD SUMMARY

Four die in **Brussels** bombing

Brussels: A firebomb attack on a Brussels bar yesterday killed four people sleeping in an upstairs apartment and injured five others. Five sus-

pects were detained. "It was a deliberate attack with an explosive device, most probably a perrol bomb," said Johan Berckmans, the assistant police commissioner.

The bar was popular with North African immigrants in Molenheek, a working-class neighborhood in the north of the city. (AP)

Cartel cheque minister quits

The Colombian Defence Minister. Guillermo Alberto González, resigned after admitting he had accepted an \$8,000 (£5,000) cheque from a drug trafficker (Gabriella Gamini writes). Schor González said that in 1989 he had accepted a "contribution" for the ruling Liberal Party from a man he knew as an industrialist; he had not realised that he was also a suspected Cali drugs cartel baron.

Drug woman condemned

Hanoi: A Canadian woman found guilty of trying to smuggle heroin out of Vietnam was sentenced by a Hanoi court to die by firing squad. Nguyen Thi Hiep, a naturalised Canadian who was born in Vietnam, was sentenced after a panel of judges from Hanoi's People's Court heard closing arguments from defence lawvers. Hiep was also fined about 154,000. (Reuter)

Secret Punjab tunnel found

Dethi: Indian border guards have for the first time uncovered a tunnel running from Pakistan into the northern Indian state of Punjab, an official said. The 112ft tunnel near the town of Ajnala was found when a tractor fell into it during work by border security men. Officials said it was built by smugglers. (ALT)

Flight of fancy

Bangkok: A jealous Thai wife cut off her husband's penis as he slept at home in a northeastern town, fied it to a helium-tilled balloon and let it fly away, the victim, a rickshow driver, told police after being rushed to hospital. His wife is now being sought for questioning (Renter)

Four on trial for Jewish cemetery attack

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FOUR neo-Nazis went on trial in the South of France yesterday, accused of desecrating a Jewish cemetery seven years ago in one of the most infamous cases of anti-Semitism in France since the trial of Alfred Dreyfus. In May 1990, 34 graves in

the ancient Jewish cemetery in the quiet Provençal town of Carpentras were vandalised and the corpse of Felix Germon, an elderly man who had died five days earlier, was dug up and impaled on an umbrella. The grisly discovery caused outrage across France. François Mitterrand, then President, led a vast protest rally in Paris to condemn racial hatred.

An intensive six-year police investigation produced little but turned Carpentras, unfairly, into a byword for resurgent racial intolerance. Hundreds of rightwingers were ques-tioned but released. The breakthrough came last

July when Yannick Garnier, 27, a former skinhead, allegedly confessed and implicated three others in the desecration: Patrick Laonegro, 31, Bertrand Nouveau, 28, and Olivier Firmbry, 28. They each face up to two years in prison if convicted.

The four accused are believed to be linked to the Parti Nationaliste Français et Européen, a neo-Nazi group founded by a former member of the Waffen SS which split from the extreme right-wing National Front in 1984.

The four claim that the group's ringleader, Jean-Claude Gos, who has since died, threatened to kill them if they revealed the truth. The crime has heightened racial tension in the region, where the National Front now controls local government in four

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Hollywood's poets without pectorals

Does the arrival of the 'intellectual hunk' spell the end of beefcake and brawn at the movies? **Quentin Letts** reports



Tom Cruise: plays the whole game

with him she visited a museum and was

looking at a painting by Leonardo da

Vinci when the baby gave her a hefty kick.

"It was a sign," she recalls. From that

do is earning more than Christian names.

The actor, after his success with Romeo

and Juliet and now with his appearance

alongside Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep in Marvin's Room, suddenly finds

himself Hollywood's newest male sex

symbol. The dollars are rolling in and

falls for DiCaprio. This young man, with

angst and an almost unsatisfactory,

buttonish nose, does not fall into the

normal class of Hollywood beefcake.

Unlike the Sly Stallones and the Arnie

women around the world are a-swoon.

More than 22 years later, little Leonar-

moment his name was decided.

ven in the womb, Leonardo

DiCaprio was something of an aesthete. When DiCaprio's

mother Irmelin was pregnant

Daniel Day-Lewis: keeps his distance

is, rather, the musculature of his soul, his cerebral "abs", or what P.G. Wodehouse might call the lad's "good honest bean" that is the lure.

The choice of Shakespeare as his vehicle stardom was enough to single out DiCaprio as unusual, even before one considered his fondness for writing poetry (eg, "little gestures, little feelings, small strands of hair on your lips"). How many movie stars of past decades have written poetry? There was also that halo, which derived from directors saying that they were awed by DiCaprio's "instinct for acting", almost as if one were describing a Jack Russell's ability to scent rabbit. The Italianate name helped, too. A whiff of European nobility never does any harm

It is, however, a certain type of fan who in the land of the free. DiCaprio was thus classified as one of the movie world's growing number of intellectual hunks. There are now two his slightly greasy hair, that air of student tiers of male heart-throb: the brainy and the brawny. The success of arty, independent movies in this year's Oscar nomina-Schwarzeneggers, we are not shown a tions suggests that the brainy guys have washboard turnmy or glistening biceps. It



Mel Gibson: adheres to the old rules

The distinction is admittedly a clumsy one, for most of the brainy ones are also in trim physical shape, and many of the brawny ones know how to count at least up to a million. The classifications are really the work of marketing experts. That pretty boys such as DiCaprio are now being sold as sophisticated, and are being encouraged to keep something back from the promotional treadmill, to develop an air of mystery and elusive romance, shows that the marketing executives think that is the growth area.

The trend may go back to Marlon Brando — a master at developing a remote, sophisticated image - and the undoubtedly complex Orson Welles, but it was rebooted in the Eighties with Daniel Day-Lewis, the Bedales-educated star of The Unbearable Lightness of Being. My Left Foot, The Crucible and other highbrow movies. Day-Lewis not only normally chooses intellectually bold films, but also keeps his distance from the whole eaty business of movie promotion and Hollywood politics. Part of this results from not being an American, but much of



Leonardo DiCaprio's movie-star appeal has more to do with baring his tortured soul than his taut abdomen

it comes from a natural shyness. He is an actor, after all. Not a publicity flack.

His recent marriage to Arthur Miller's daughter was conducted in private. Not for him the hoop-la of a movie industry splicing, complete with overhead helicopters and post-nuptial interviews. Take Ralph Fiennes, too. Are we really

to believe that the star of The English tient would prefer, as he recently claimed, to swap his career for his brother's muddy life as an English gamekeeper? Er, maybe. But it is an attractive line, and succeeds in presenting him as a more interesting personality.

The British player, Gary Oldman, may have had his drink problems but he has more acting ability in his big toe than an action adventure meat man such as Steven Seagal. Oldman is one of the brainy guys. So is Edward Norton, 27, who played Larry Flynt's lawyer in The People vs Larry Flynt and has adroitly nurtured an image for moodiness (read: artiness). On camera, Norton is the clean-

shaven, all-American boy, but off-camera he is grungy Courtney Love's love interest. Romance is a good way of correcting one's image in Hollywood. Leonardo DiCaprio, who was briefly linked to clean if busty Kate Winslet, has been looked at with far more interest since he was seen leaving Demi Moore's married quarters early one morning, dressed in the same clothes as he had been wearing the previous night.

ne who seems to want desperately to be taken seriously, to be accepted as a brainy guy, is Brad Pitt, who was quick to realise that the label of "this generation's Robert Redford", as he was called after A River Runs Through It, might not last. Pitt has tried hard to portray himself as a highbrow. He played a mental patient in Twelve Monkeys and is scoring propagan-da points for the IRA as a Republican in the new American release Devil's Own. He did himself some good recently by

disowning that film: Rebellion counts. In the "brawny" camp are people such as Kevin Costner, Mel Gibson, and Tom Cruise, actors who adhere to the old rules of the game about playing the whole game of Hollywood politics. They are more easily identifiable as the heirs of the Fifties studio system. They continue to go down well with mainstream audiences, but it is

at the fringes that they may be losing their

support. As Hollywood adjusts to a world

tiring of Rambo-style action movies, and

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seems more interested in the likes of Shine and Mike Leigh realism, the cleancut Mister Hairlines may start to recede. For all their efforts at rebellion and other-worldliness, there are limits to just how different the new male sex symbols really are. When it comes to the final line of Hollywood, money, they still like the feel of the folding stuff. DiCaprio, it is said, can now command at least \$2 million just to get out of bed, which is roughly \$1,999,999 more than he will

probably ever see for his poetry.

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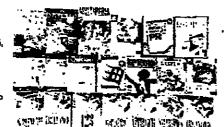
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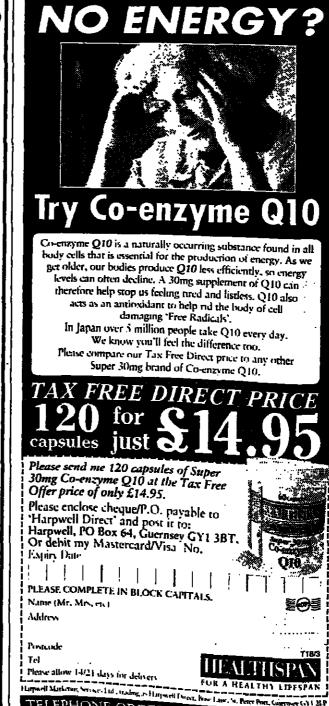
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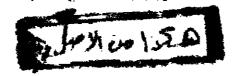
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The state of the s

Among a group of Mormon fundamentalists based in Utah, plural marriage is an article of faith. Giles Whittell reports

restling gamely with a goat's carcass hung from a pole in her back Luprail Jordan holds forth on her most illustrious

"Christ actually left Jerusalem and went to England when He was a young boy." she says, panting. Apparently He was married in England before He came back to the Holy Land, and then they went back to England after the Crucifixion, and I know that my family and I are direct descendants of Jesus Christ

and John the Baptist." Mrs Jordan has another claim to distinction. She and her husband, Douglas, and two other Mrs Jordans, are devoted practitioners of what they call celestial piural marriage. As mem-bers of a fundamentalist Mormon sect, they live in

than me' isolation amid the high prai-ries and whitecapped mountain crests of central Utah. Here, 100 years after the mainstream Mormon Church outlawed polygamy in return for the promise of

statehood, polygamy thrives. It is illegal, but condoned. "Like jaywalking." says David Call, an ordinary Mormon who works next door to a converted bakery in the one-street town of Manti (pronounced to rhyme with pie). where the True and Living Church of Jesus Christ of Saints of the Last Days has its headquarters.

Arm-in-arm-in-arm, the 20 or so families of the TLC gather here for the meetings and admin that building the Kingdom of Zion entails. The patriarchs are big men in jeans, boots and usually beards: willing caricatures of their wagoner forebears who trekked west with Brigham Young in 1846. The wives are a pale, obedient lot, adamant that their marital calling is a noble one but cautious when discussing it. Some of their

God's chosen few. Polygamy is an integral part of their faith, and of the local scene. It is the institution by which Adam and Jacob peopled the planet, TLC followers believe, and by which their heirs shall be

"exulted" in the hereafter. It can also generate goodwill. "We certainly appreciate their business," says the proprietor of Fat Jack's Pizza in nearby Ephraim, where Jim Harmston, the sect's founder, takes all seven of his wives on group dates. But in private, plural marriage makes singular look easy.

'I was

afraid

Randy

would love

Patti more

Tamara Maudsley, an articulate, auburnhaired beauty who goes by the name of Sam, had been married for 19 years to her husband Randy by the time another woman joined the nest. "Randy always let me know that he believed in plural marriage," says Sam. "So over

the years I tried to

prepare myself. and when we came to join this Church I knew it was inevitable that he would take another

Sure enough, when an elegant divorcée called Patti came to town to see if the TLC was for her, Randy went to meet her. "He was gone for about six hours and when he came home he said. 'I've got something to tell you'." Sam recalls. That was probably the hardest time I've ever had in my life. I was excited. I was scared to death of Patti, and I was jealous. I was afraid that Randy would come to love Patti more than he did me and wouldn't need me any more."

Randy has the look of an Old Testament prophet and the grandiose title of "apostle". He says that "a man must learn to govern his appetites and his passions" so that no one wife will "influence him in a manner that would bring pressure to bear on all the other wives". He and Patti and Sam have found a modus vivendi, something not all church members manage. His fellow apostle, Jeff Hanks,



Timeshare marriage made in heaven

More the merrier: Bart Malstrom with four of his five wives. A rota allows them two nights each with him in the order they were married

who is also a chiropractor and the church historian, took a third wife last year but the quartet couldn't make it work.

"After a few months of trying as hard as we could, we knew she wasn't meant for our family," says Hanks. Cindy Stewart was, therefore, billeted for a trial period with a neighbour, Dan Simmons, whose wife of nine years welcomed the new arrival with

an outpouring of gratitude.

Knowing the blessings of abundant love and family support. Natalie Simmons was keen to share them with another. So after the trial period, Cindy married into the family and felt at home there, thanks not least to her observance of such common courtesies as no French kissing in front of the other wife". (Or of

the other wife. Lesbianism and group sex have no part in the TLC, Dan stresses. The penalty for either, as for infidelity, is excommunication, as a splinter group learnt the hard way a few years back when the Lord revealed to President Harmston that the "three-inbed" antics of its members

were an abomination. The

splinter group was banished.)

armston and his fellow men naturally insist they were not drawn to Manti by carnality. "The sexual part of marriage is not important," says Douglas Jordan, a septuagenarian ox of a man with the fireside manner of Jack Palance. "The important thing is being sensitive to the wife's needs and not overwhat a wife appreciates more is seeing and feeling that she's

Still, they do have sex. To keep it civilised, Jordan has given each of his three wives their own room upstairs and built an extension for "personal one-on-one time" with the one he happens to be sleeping with. The Mrs Simmonses have rooms at opposite ends of the house and tend to alternate with Dan. Bart Malstrom has five wives, 15 children and a rota giving each wife two nights at a time with him in the order they were married. (Pam Malstrom married Bart 17 years ago, 16 years before does not entitle her to extra

nights.) Randy Maudsley says

he tries to keep his sexual

indulging in love-play. I think choices spontaneous. For this it helps that Sam has conauered her initial feelings about Patti.

"I think there always is some curiosity as to, if I can be blunt, whether or not the other wife is a better lover than you," she says. "Whether he enjoys her company more, whether she's wittier — a better wife. But if you allow yourself to think about that all the time it will drive you crazy."

None of the women denies fighting running battles with jealousy, least of all the first wives ambushed by a sudden torrent of new ones. Nor do they argue with the TLC ordinance that men shall head each household and women shall defer to them on every significant decision. They accept these, like all their yokes,

as part of the challenge of

celestial plural marriage. Celestial is the operative word. Even more fundamental to the TLC than its polygamy is its belief in continuing divine revelation — a principle shared with the larger Mormon Church (of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) that allows disciples to attribute to the will of God, in calm and friendly tones, everything about their beliefs that may strike an outsider as baffling or arbiin the 1830s divine inspiration led one Joseph Smith to find and translate into the Book of Mormon lost scriptures inscribed on gold tablets and buried in upstate New York after being brought over from the Holy Land in antiquity. Both also ban the use of alcohol. Where the TLC differs is in claiming that God now speaks through Jim Harmston, not the opulent leadership of the LDS church two hours' drive away in Salt Lake

r Harmston is a former property developer and lobbyist to the Reagan Administration who calls Salt Lake City Sodom Lake City. He moved to Manti in 1990 after breaking with the parent Church over changes in its secret temple ceremo-nies, and he believes the Lord will come again within his lifetime. It seems fitting that he has the finest beard, the biggest belly and the most wives of any man in town.

Elaine Harmston is the oldest of them, married to Jim since 1963. The rest all met and married him within the past six years. All claim God led them to him. All had brief honeymoons in southern

All say their chief purpose now is to bring glory to him. and Elaine seems to speak for them when she says their plural marriage "refines the human spirit like no other

"It's bigger than having kids," she says. "You have to come face to face with every weakness, every fear. Everything you've ever disliked about yourself boils to the surface and you have to over-

come it. Even so, polygamy remains against the law. Elaine betrays a hint of satisfaction when asked how they get round this. Technically I'm still Jim's

others are just room-mates." ■ A new series of Witness begins tonight on Channel 4 at 9pm. The Polygamists can be seen next

only wife," she says. "The

There is a fine line between chasing a thrill and losing control altogether, says Alexander Stuart

ex is dangerous for everyone at the contract of the contract o eryone at first. Perhaps there are exceptions. such as the chosen few who climb the carnal fence into adulthood in blissful, fumbling innocence; but for most of us, our first experience of sex — of full-on, consummat-

ed intercourse - is fraught with tension, thrills and fear. The risk may simply consist of being caught — by parents. teachers or friends - or it

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Why sex is such a risky sport

might be of rejection, inadequacy or some embarrassing revelation about one's body ("You have acne there?"). But along with this lies something deeper and more primal: the knowledge, even subconsciously, that sex is irretriev-

survival and death. Wonderful and exalted though it might be, after even the funniest, steamiest sex, a tiny part

of you knows that a tiny part of you has been lost. It usually takes some time before the danger goes out of sex and when it does we have to work to put it back in. How we do it reveals a great deal about the seemingly limitless bounds of the human imagi-COMPREHENSIVE nation - from erotic antics **INSURANCE FROM** involving gerbils or sex in public places, through the potentially fatal risks of serial

> bondage or domination. Few of us go so far as J.G. Ballard's redefinition of autoeroticism in Crash, literally to combine sex and high-speed destruction: "I have watched copulating couples moving along darkened freeways at night, men and women on the verge of orgasm, their cars speeding in a series of inviting trajectories towards the flash-

unprotected sex, to violence,

ing headlamps of the oncoming traffic stream."

But who cannot at some point identify with the thrilling anxiety of deceit - often seductive enough in itself — as experienced by Sabina in Anais Nin's A Spy in the House of Love: "It was when she saw the lives of the spies that she realised fully the tension with which she lived every moment, equal to theirs. The fear of committing themselves ... of talking in their sleep, of carelessness of accent

continuous pretending, quick improvisations of motivations, quick justifications of

their presence here or there." Men, straight men anyway. tend to treat dangerous sex much as they would a risky sport. We might take a chance, but we want to be in control. A little spice is all very well, but the ultimate thrill of someone - or even of simply trusting someone (especially someone more intelligent

abandoning yourself totally to

'How those first encounters are told and retold, cherished and savoured over and over again.' Novelist Tim Parks on the brave new world of a

man who thinks he's in love

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than you) - is taking danger to the extreme. We feel emasculated if we don't have the upper hand. But why is danger so attrac-

tive? Is it because at its most basic level, as a means of reproducing our genes, sex in the wild was once fraught with risk, and the real or imagined threat of death and danger simply gets those an-cient reproductive hormones pumping? Or is it that, psychologically, too, we're reaching back - back to the thrills those first adolescent fumblings, back to the intensity and anarchy of childhood, the closest point in our overcivilised lives to the primal

call of the jungle? The irony, of course, is that just as sex may mark the point at which we finally escape perceived childhood innocence into adulthood, for the rest of our sexual lives we spend much of the time trying to climb back into the freedom

and anarchy we lost. Alexander Stuart is the author of The War Zone (Vintage Books, £4.99) and Life on Mars (Black Swan, 17.99).



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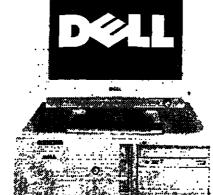
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We ignore immigration at our peril

Nicholas Budgen refuses to be

silenced — even by John Major

Times leader on Satur-day criticised my decision to ask the Prime Minister a question about immigration thus: "If there is one act which will certainly inflame racial feeling, it is throwing delicate questions of immigration policy into the cauldron of the election campaign." Like me, many West Midlands Tories disagree. So why ought immigration to be an election issue, and what will happen if the leading

It is an election issue, first, because Labour has made it one. Jack Straw has written to the Confederation of Indian Organisations, which represents thousands of Asians, promising to relax the immigration rules in three ways: by abolishing the primary purpose rule by granting immigration rights to extended families, and by repealing the Immigration and Asylum Act 1996. Unless we have some public discussion of this we do not know the extra numbers involved. The first two promises go back to the 1980s, when Roy Hattersley was Shadow Home Secretary. Since then I have drawn attention to these promises in every subsequent

election. I regret that in the flood of abandoned promises since the coming of new Labour, I did not realise until now that Labour maintained its old immigration

policy.
At first, commentators believed that the people the relaxation of the primary purpose rule would lead to an extra

2,200 male immigrants. But new figures show this to be an underestimate. In 1995 -- the last year for which figures are available — 33,830 foreigners were granted settlement visas, mostly on the grounds that they were married to individ-uals present and settled in Britain. Another 10,890 were turned down under the primary purpose rule.

If about 11,000 are turned down at the point of entry. ing because they know of the rule? If more spouses are allowed in after the relaxation of the primary purpose rule, how many dependants will follow them? What do we make of the vague promise to grant immigration rights to extended families? We need to know what numbers are involved, just as we need to know how many extra immigrants would come in if the Immigration and Asylum Act

were repealed. We also need discussion to reassure natural Asian Tories about our immigration policies. Yesterday a Birmingham Asian solicitor was reported as saying: "The problem for the Conservatives is that there are so many extreme rightwingers who alienate Asian voters. The statements made recently by Nicholas Budgen and David Evans are threatening. They make people who are British feel unwelcome and insecure. That is why Asians will vote Labour." This is nonsense, but it should be rebutted. There is no policy of

compulsory repatriation. What would happen if immigration were not made an

election issue? First it would be a victory for dangerous and un-English élitism. It will be a triumph for those who say that the British people cannot be trusted to decide on sensitive issues and do not have a sense of fair play which ensures that they find unjust and vulgar attacks upon a minority repellent. It would also leave many with a feeling that policy was being decided without proper

public discussion. Secondly, it would leave the debate to fringe parties such as the National Front Many Tories, like me, will be irritated if only extremists can discuss immigra-tion. From 1974 to the middle of the 1980s I spent quite a lot of time and energy explaining to my Conservative supporters that I did not believe that voluntary repatriation was

Immigration is an election issue because it has changed the culture and population of large areas of our inner cities. Numbers and concentrations are vital here. Let me give an example. I live in a small village in central Stafford-There is one Asian family in the village. They work in Walsall where they

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have a successful textile business. They own a large house and a field which they are kind enough to rent to me. They are no threat to the culture of this village and are a useful reminder of both British and Indian history

tions in neighbouring towns and cities, as well as being personally admirable agreeable. But if 400 Asian families came into this village they would create considerable social tensions.

n the 1970s there was

much anger when Marga-ret Thatcher used the expression "swamped" about immigration. Perhaps it was tactless. Nonetheless, in 1980 and 1983 the Tories changed the immigration rules and made them more restrictive. In 1975, immigration from outside the European Union was running at 85,000 a year. Our measures caused this figure to drop to 50,000 in 1987. It has since risen again somewhat to some 60,000 in 1994. In parts of Britain whole areas have been transformed by the numbers and concentration of immigration. Pro-

tests against this have often been described as ignorant racism. All of us know how embarrassing some people find this discussion. I well remember the rows that I and other Tories had with Willie Whitelaw, the former Horne Secretary. Willie was and is extremely loyal to all of our national institutions, but at the first false accusation of racism. he blanched and wobbled. Today he has many distinguished inheritors of this role. So immigration is still an issue. Perhaps it is not so acute as it once was, but a boil will fester, and later burst, if we patronise the people and say that we will not discuss it

with them. The author is Conservative MP for South-West. Wolverhampton



VIOLENT CRIME ON THE INCREASE.

Political animals

hey're off! Mr Major has pushed the button to start the electric hours shrieking round the circuit, ears flying, wobbling slightly on the corners, clinging to the old familiar rail. The politicking classes follow like greyhounds. Television grandees plead, stab and wheedle to get the big debate; Edwina Currie sharpens her stiletto for another cruel stamp on the Prime Minister's instep; fresh newsprint and camera crews are ordered up with reckless disregard for cost, and countless dinner-parties are planned, whether with or without the added attraction of lights, cameras, and the fretful figure of Mr Paul Watson shambling out of the kitchen

between courses with demands for

more stuff about the danger of new Labour" Oh, the excitement! I could hardly sleep last night for worrying which election party we might get asked to. It couldn't possibly beat the grand one we went to in 1992. I was just getting nice and drunk when there was a rustle of applause, my terrified husband hissed "behind you!" and I turned to find Baroness Thatcher herself looming to greet the tabloid Editor with whom I had been peacefully discussing skateboards. The breathily thunderous tones were already inveighing against "those people at the BBC" as my mate heroically dragged me to safety behind the nearest parlour socialist. Then there was a "Hooroo!" as Chris Patten lost his seat, and the more innocent among us were shocked to see how many members of his own

them back. The only trouble is that I keep thinking of Animal, and how she isn't excited about any of it.

party were applauding and laughing.

Ah, stirring times. How good to have

Remember Animal? She sprang to fame in January as the 16-year-old schoolgirl dragged from a tunnel under the proposed A30 bypass. Last week, after her conditional discharge. l met her at Radio 4. She arrived in the workman's boots and cropped hair appropriate for diving down tunnels and locking yourself on to lumps of concrete, but here the loucheness ended. She is a very bright, very focused girl with a clutch of starred A grades at GCSE and a simple-hearted willingness to turn up at the BBC arm-in-arm with her Mum. The sobriquet "Animal" was gained not by aggressive behaviour or crystal-brained New Age soppi-

Why aren't the young excited about the election? Who will get the Swampy vote?

ness, but by a mishearing of her real name, Ellenor.

She never expected celebrity. "We thought perhaps there'd be local radio, and a bit in The Guardian's Section Two." Her beliefs are heartfelt, her determination strong, and she has an intelligent grasp of the issue: not just a particular piece of countryside but the intricacies of the curious new system of private funding for roads (an initiative which has been condemned by more mainstream groups such as Transport 2000). This is no dim druggy drop-out or half-baked class warrior, any

sixth-form college would snap her up, any political party would welcome her in its youth wing. But she isn't in any party: she's down tunnels and represents the flow-

er of a generation which has alarmingly little interest in mainstream politics. Despite the newsprint and the cameras, the mechanics of democracy have signally failed to fire these bright idealists. Politics is seen as dishonest, irrelevant, and no fun. The

heroes are elsewhere. Animal, pointing out the historic tradition of direct action for just causes, cited the suffragettes. This week she might have added the Newbury bypass protesters, since Steven Norris, the former Transport Minister, stunningly admitted last night that he now accepts their line. He didn't like their methods, but "they were right, and they were there first". Who can blame kids for preferring such simplicities to the sort of political life portrayed with such horrid vividness in the diaries of Alan Clark?

So when MORI asked 18 to 24year-olds how they plan to vote this time, 37 per cent of them either weren't going to bother or hadn't decided. Of the rest, Labour had the biggest contingent by a factor of three, and the Greens and Referendum had I per cent each. But wait: the Green Party, surely, is the natural home of eco-warriors and environmental idealists, of whom there is no shortage in that age group. Why

doesn't that show in the figures? Is it because parliamentary democracy itself is seen as a grubby, unattractive, uncool, ineffective waste of time? That perception should worry us a great deal more than it does. For one thing, it ensures that this election will continue to be fought on the same tired, middle-aged, middle-class,

Middle-England ground.
It worries Lord Nolan. Fresh from the Committee on Standards in Public Life, he spoke eloquently last week to students at Portsmouth. Public life, he said, was for the brave and the tough and the unselfish; fresh from

inspecting sleaze for 2½ years, he remained optimistic and appealed to the students not to despair of politics but to use their democratic rights withwheedled into it. "Have we really

reached the stage where the right to vote, so hard-won by earlier generations, has now to be sold like a patent medicine show?"

'ell, my lord, we're certainly getting there. At the last general election. close and exciting though it was, less than half the eligible under-24s used their vote (the overall turnout was 79 per cent). Early evidence suggests that it will be no higher this time. What kind of democracy have we got if voting is something you only start doing when you have a mortgage and are worried about primary schools? You might as

well bring back the property qualifi-cation and have done with it. You could argue that it was ever thus. Even in 1970 it was noticeable that - with a few mainly left-wing exceptions - the brightest of my university contemporaries were leery of party politics and referred to those who played that game as "gnomes". The gnomes, in turn, joyfully buried whatever shoot altruism and ideal-ism they might have had under mounds of rubbishy motions and tribunals and rows over the election of their own officers, and devoted more time to buttering up visiting parliamentarians than to arguing about policy. Anyone with a bit of blood in them was out marching, or working for Amnesty, or playing darts.

But we did vote (we'd only just got

it, after years when the only party leader advocating votes for teenagers was Screaming Lord Sutch). We did think it mattered who won. On the night of Ted Heath's surprise victory in 1970 there was uproar on the streets, jubilation and rage and fists shaken at the Town Hall balcony. and to this day you may view a fine set of teeth-marks in the banister at the Oxford Union, imprinted in a fit of frustration by a passionate Labour supporter before dragging his girl-friend off with "Come on, off to bed,

it'll be illegal by morning". Ah, you may say, Oxbridge politics: but even the silliness of that fervour has not endured. Whenever I go and visit their modern-day university equivalents, they are strangely apa-thetic about Westminster politics and would rather discuss Fergie or how to get into journalism. If you visit sixth forms you find that despite all the mock elections they are persuaded to few sparks are struck. The most animated moments occur when they start inaccurately telling you how sleazy, disreputable, self-seeking and generally disgusting "most" MPs and ministers are. Swampy, Muppet Dave. Animal and the rest are far more likely heroes and heroines than

Blair or Major, Dalyell or Norris. Who has done this to them? Who has failed to convey the excitement, the optimism, the responsibility of living in a democracy? We in the media, I suppose, with our endless mocking; or the embarrassing yarryarr of a televised Parliament; disaffected teachers, perhaps. Maybe the disillusion is aggravated by the increased centralisation of power and the helplessness of capped local councils: maybe by a sense - perfectly understandable in an 18vear-old - that the Tories always win

anyway and nothing ever changes. I wish for some miracle to kindle them this time; if not we should be worried. The next generation needs to be reminded that even as we all bore the pants off them for the next six weeks with election overkill, something genuinely important is happening. This plodding, paper-bound, tiresome, flawed, irritating democratic process is as vital to our wellbeing as clean water. If you want proof watch the news from Albania.

people became contemptuous of his tactics. On his fifth attack the store-owner went for him with a baseball bat, on the sixth he was laughed out of the shop, and the seventh time he had his hands slammed in the till,

His ego in tatters, he pulled the tights off his head, threw the branch into the woods and gave himself up. "He confessed to everything," said Inspector Stuart Jotham of Guelph police. "He was a very troubled young man."

Retuned

THE FEVERISH atmosphere at Westminster has affected television monitors which convey information throughout the Houses of Parliament on behalf of the House of Lords, Instead of the usual security warnings, they have been used to send flirtatious messages.

Air Vice-Marshall David Hawkins, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod and deputy serjeant-at-arms, is appealing for calm after one of the messages last week ran: "'Can f Help You Sir is enough to deter. Next day this was followed by: "'Can I Help You Madam?' 1 don't know you from Adam." The cryptic missives were deemed too racy

Is Major another Kennedy?

Woodrow Wyatt

says television debates will show

enator John Kennedy was was behind in the polls in 1960. Factor opponent, Richard Nixon, had 8. been established as a top politicam 21 well before he became Eisenhowers 11 Vice-President in 1952. Kennedy's position seemed hopeless. He was it. best known for being a Roman ... Catholic, not the way to wow the predominantly non or anti-Cathelic, population. He badly needed to appeal to voters across the board.
However many rail tours or rallies and pressings of flesh he undertook. he could never make a personal impact on more than a tiny fraction of the electorate before November. The answer was television; but campaign. funds would not go far in buying space, and anyway all party political broadcasts are regarded as propaganda — a signal to turn to some

thing more entertaining.

National networks had offered the National networks had offered the the two leaders free time for joint of appearances, but first Congress would have to suspend the rule: requiring equal time for all fringe party candidates. Congress passed the necessary law and President Eisenhower signed it on August 24, 1960. But like most leading Republicans, he strongly urged Nixon not to cans, he strongly urged Nixon not to debate with Kennedy: it would make: JFK more prominent. But Nixon:

rather fancied himself on TV.

I was in America in 1952, and saw ... his remarkable, sentimental and mawkish television defence of his strange financial activities. He was embarrassingly awful but highly effective. Eisenhower had been on the verge of dropping him as his running-mate, but he stayed for both Eisenhower terms. Nixon was confident he could destroy Kennedy, and accepted Kennedy's challenge.

Theodore Sorensen, a long-time close associate of Kennedy, argued out the number and nature of the TV debates, together with Kennedy's TV chief. The first was on domestic policy. There were eight-minute opening statements by each candidate, followed by questions from a panel of correspondents and 3 to 5 minutes' reply from both debaters. Around 70 million adults, nearly two thirds of the voters, watched or the listened. More than four out of five voters saw or heard at least one of the four debates, and more than half saw or heard all four. The first debate washeld to be a draw — in reality a huge victory for Kennedy, who began so far behind. The three subsequent debates ended with Kennedy in a slight lead which, repeated on polling day, put him into the White House.

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ohn Major is in a similar position to Kennedy — miles ... adrift in the opinion polls, with the public bored by politics, deaf to argument and settled on the "time for a change" theme, heedless of possible consequences. Tony Blair rules his " party in presidential style. He is the ... alpha and omega of its policies and intentions. Debates between the two leaders would be electrifying viewing and listening. The contest must be between the only two possible contenders for No 10. Including Paddy Ashdown or Alex Salmond of the " SNP or Sir James Goldsmith or Screaming Lord Sutch would be :' ridiculous. The public want to see ... how the principals shape up, without ::: the distraction of minnows. Mr Major's advisers should insist ...

on an informal atmosphere in which ...

he can chat in friendly fashion to the questioners, relaxed but calling on his prodigious, simply presented knowledge of detail and his long experience of government. Mr Major looks and sounds more honest and reliable than his rival. Mr Blair's: advisers would doubtless recommend that he stand at a rostrum. Public address, not cosy conversa-tion, is his forte. Mr Major, who needs no advice from me, will, I am sure, concentrate on probing Tony Blair's vaguely confident assertions. showing the emptiness behind the façade. As Mr Blair has pledged to observe the limits of this Government's spending plans for the next two years, where is the extra money to come from to fulfil his promises of a better life? Peter Lilley has unveiled ~ a masterly scheme for eventually . financing pensions without ruining the Exchequer. At first hesitant, does Blair now agree? If so, it is another act of me-tooism. No original ideas have come from Labour other than robbing millions of investors and pensioners through a windfall tax.

Yesterday in The Sun, Tony Blair claimed there was now no serious. difference between himself and Mr Major on Europe. It was quite good stuff, if he means it, apart from his determination to join the social chapter, which would lose jobs by the battalion. Lord Barnett was Chief Secretary at the Treasury in Labour's 1last Government. Still an ardent Labour supporter, he said in the Lords on March 5: "I do not believe : that the present Opposition, when in government ... will do any better. It will need more tax. I know that it has made a firm commitment not to increase the rates, but there are many ways of increasing taxation without touching the rates. I am sure Mr Major will have some fun with this and that he will come out comfortably the victor in the debates. They could be the turning point of the election. I think Mr Major will still. P·H·S election. I think Mr Majo win, to general surprise.

House party

THE HOUSE where the Duchess Knight Frank and Hamptons were of York gave her memorable interview to Ruby Wax will go on sale this week, priced at more than El million. As well as eight bedrooms and a tennis court, it offers the chance to swim in the pool where Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice frolicked with their cousins Princes William and Harry.

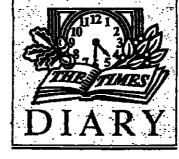
saying nothing about Kingsbourne on the Wentworth estate in Surrey's stockbroker belt. The Duchess moved there in January 1995 and rented the Victorian red-brick home for £6,000 a month.

Once settled in, Fergie threw a £3,000 champagne tea party for everyone who had helped her to Yesterday, the estate agents move, but recently she returned to



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Sunninghill Park or "Southyork", Prince Andrew's home. Allan Starkie, author of Fergie: Her Secret Life, said yesterday. "It

was not as cosy as Romenda Lodge, where she was before. That is where all the wild parties took

Tsk, tsk

ACTRESS Paula Hamilton has been adding glamour to the hunting scene. Best known for her performance as the 1980s Volkswagen girl and campaigner for elephants through her charity Tusk Force, Miss Hamilton has ridden with the Meath Hunt in Ireland this season. Sporting the traditional habit of black coat and jodphurs. the former alcoholic and cocaine addict proved a veritable Diana of the chase. "She was extraordi-

nary," an onlooker marvels. Fences, ditches - you name it, Paula was jumping it."

Yesterday, she was reluctant to discuss her life in the saddle. She was busy in the gym when I telephoned, doubtless firming up those riding muscles.

Old history

IN BETWEEN the Oscar nominations and desert fashion ranges, The English Patient is inspiring a Herodotus boom. Ralph Fiennes's character is never without his Herodotus, into which he pastes notes and pictures wherever he goes.

Everyman books have shifted 10,000 copies of the old boy's Histories in America since the film came out. Peter Jones, Professor of Classics at Newcastle University. is beside himself. "Terrific news," he says. "Even if people buy it as a style statement, they'll soon find what a great story teller Herodotus is. If only a theatre would put Leo McKern on stage reading the stuff, they'd have a massive hit on their

● Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury who hit the headlines with his altack on claphappy services, conducted a confirmation service at Summerfields, the Oxford prep school, the other

day. Announcing the anthem, he said it was one of his favourites: "O Clap Your Hands". **Barking**

GUELPH, Ontario, breathes more easily today with the capture of the tree-branch robber. For weeks, a man wearing women's pantyhose on his head had been holding up banks and shops with a 6ft long. defoliated branch. He would approach his target, branch at the ready, and demand money. At first, he found success. Then

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THE PEOPLE'S TEST

Time to revisit the arguments — for all-change and for none

For months we have heard this general election will be a dull old thing, that there is little to choose between the parties, that a vote is barely worth its exercise. Over the coming weeks it is up to the politicians, the media and the people of this country to belie those easy claims. This ought to be the most fascinating election season since 1979. There is every chance of power changing hands for the first time in 18 years. Whether voters see this as exhilarating or terrifying will depend on their inclinations and their imaginations. But dull it should not be.

Even as the platitudes fall thick, the advertisements irritate and the slogans go stale, the electorate, from today, will be in charge; the politicians are their servants. The voters now are free: free to punish incompetence or lack of preparation; free to reward prudence or boldness.

The Times will support this pursuit. This newspaper, alone among its competitors, still has an open mind about the result of the election. We shall be putting all parties to the test; their policies, the character of their leaders, their trustworthiness. Throughout the campaign, our election guides will offer readers the most dispassionate analysis of issues. When polling day is near, we shall declare a preference; but not until we have seen how soundly each party stands up to the people's test.

For, however primitive they appear to be, however demeaning and distorting, general election campaigns are still the least bad method of testing those who claim to power. Labour has many questions to answer: under the magnifying glass of a campaign, and especially in a public debate, evasion will no longer be an option for Mr Blair. The Conservatives must be challenged hard. On the mixed record of the past five years, they have no pre-eminent claim to be re-elected. What do they plan for the next five? How do they intend to re-engage with those who have given them up for lost?

Neither party has yet given a satisfactory answer on the single currency, the biggest issue for the country in the next parliament. Mr Blair toughened his stance yesterday, by citing "formidable obstacles" to joining in the first wave. But many in his party see those obstacles vanishing should Labour win a big majority and hold an immediate referendum in the afterglow of victory. Does Mr Blair agree with them? John Major is no surer in his replies. Labour's "formidable obstacles" translate into the Tories' "very unlikely" entry in 1999. Both leave room for doubt: this is an uncertainty to which voters should demand a resolution.

Yesterday both main party leaders played to their strengths. Mr Blair visited a school. Mr Major mounted his soapbox, delighting in the role of underdog that served him so well in 1992. The Prime Minister needs to capitalise on the personal affection in which the public still holds him. But his party has to decide if it has the confidence to stand behind him. Many Tory candidates seem certain to breach his line on a single currency, and even, in the West Midlands,

on immmigration. The Prime Minister's leadership has too often been found wanting. A late spurt of radicalism in the past few days has not restored the Tories' momentum. Mr Blair has the changing winds behind him; the authority that has turned his party into an electable force is a tempting prospect to the country at large. Yet the Labour leader is not widely trusted; and Mr Major's common touch may yet take him closer to the hearts and heartland of Britain.

Mr Major's task is to challenge those voters. Many decided some years ago that they would not vote Tory this time. "Time for a change" has gradually permeated the country, compounded by this administration's incompetence, divisions and drift. But election decisions are momentous, and even those voters who normally put politics to one side have a duty to re-examine their conviction over the next six weeks. We, like them, intend to question our assumptions, to go back to first principles, to listen to our readers and to revisit the arguments - both for all-change and for none.

A GIRL'S BEST CHANCE

Labour should look again at its policy on assisted places

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, the idea that girls deserved a good education was a radical one. The Girls' Public Day School Trust was set up in 1872 soon after the Government's Schools Enquiry Commission had claimed that "the notion that women have minds as cultivable, and as well worth cultivating, as men's minds is still regarded by the ordinary parent as an offensive, not to say revolutionary, paradox". Today, as the GPDST celebrates its 125th anniversary, its provision of good education to academically able girls is threatened by a different kind of prejudice.

Of the 19,500 girls at the 26 schools run by the trust, some 3,000 are there by virtue of assisted places — where some or all of the fees are paid by the State. Should Labour win the election, no new assisted places will be allowed. The schools will have to restrict themselves to admitting only children of parents who can afford to pay the fees, thus denying opportunities to the less well-off and reducing their institutions to enclaves of the middle and upper class.

This would be a sad shame. The GPDST is an admirable body, which has seen more than 250,000 girls through its schools over the past century or so. During that time, the trust advocated the policies for women of which any left-of-centre politician should be proud. Back in 1876, Gateshead High School was advanced enough to open a science laboratory, and Croydon High taught chemistry when this subject was barely known even in boys' schools. The forwardlooking headmistress of Blackheath shocked her contemporaries by allowing her girls to wear short skirts for gymnastics and PE. And Brighton High had a football club for the girls as early as 1884.

Since 1900, successive governments have paid for poorer girls to attend GPDST schools, usually on academic merit. The schools were part of the direct grant sector set up by one Labour Government and subsequently abolished by another, 100ay these schools are the chief participants in the Assisted Places Scheme. More than 90 per cent of their pupils go straight on to higher education.

Now that girls' grammar schools are so reduced in number, there are far too few opportunities for talented girls to gain a rigorous academic education with their own sex. Coeducation is fine at primary school, but as girls reach adolescence, they often suffer from pressures that boys can avoid. Boys tend to elbow them aside in class, to undermine their confidence and to distract them from their work. Even mixed schools are starting to experiment with single-sex classes, thus acknowledging what girls-only schools have long known: that teenage girls thrive best on their own.

Tonight at the Albert Hall, where the first public meeting to raise money for the trust was held. GPDST pupils will put on a celebration to raise £50,000 to help to subsidise bright girls from families who cannot afford the fees. But they will never be able to raise enough to replace government help. If new Labour is interested in opportunity, it should be trying to build bridges between the state and the private sector, not blowing them up.

LABEL DETAILS

Origins matter for claret, carrots and roast beef

Detailed information on the origin and ingredients of food is taken today as a fundamental consumer right. The labels on the packaging of almost all food products not only give the chemical breakdown of the contents but also their nutritional values. In most supermarkets, raw foodstuffs such as fruit and vegtetables are routinely labelled with their country of origin - beans from Kenya, oranges from Israel, apples from France. The proposal, therefore, by the European Commission that meat should also carry information on its origin is fully in keeping with tightening practices in consumer protection.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, has set his face against any such plan. He sees it as a way of enshrining in law the boycott of British beef. No one seeing a label or flag denoting the British origin of meat for sale will buy it, even when it is allowed back into continental markets, he believes. And competitors would take advantage of the fear of BSE to move into other meat markets where guilt by association is already

affecting sales. The effect of the commission proposal may indeed be what Mr Hogg fears, and other meat producers, especially Germany, have taken advantage of the ban on British beef. This in no way undermines the overriding need to give European Union consumers more information about what they eat. Mr Hogg has only himself to blame if continental consumers are unconvinced by his protestations that British beef is now absolutely safe: the Government's record hardly gives grounds for confidence. The Germans may be fastidious about their diet: that is their right. To insist that meat should be sold anonymously in order to protect the market looks self-serving and dishonest.

Instead. Mr Hogg should argue that not only the country of origin but also the region and even the herd should be specified. There are areas in the United Kingdom, especially Scotland and Northern Ireland, where the incidence of BSE has been very low; organic farms too have an unblemished record. If and when the ban of British beef exports is lifted - likely to be a step-by-step process -

they should be the first to benefit. Europe is already moving towards this principle. Directives now insist that named foods, such as Parma ham, come from the place of their origin. The most successful food producers see this not only as a way of countering fraud, but ensuring the quality and reputation of the best foodstuffs. France. with enormous agricultural exports, has introduced a system of appellation contrôlée for vegetables, cheeses and staple products. The best carrots are now as carefully graded and protected as the best clarets. Policing would be difficult and expensive. But one day the rosbif from a premier herd of Dumfries may be as sought after as a grand cru Château-Lafite.

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the ranks of Jewry

From Rabbi John D. Rayner

Sir, You are to be commended for your generosity to Chief Rabbi Dr Jonathan Sacks (leading article, March 15; see also letters, February 27, March 5, 14) in saying that his reference to the late Rabbi Hugo Gryn and his section of Anglo-Jewry as "destroyers of the faith", in a leaked private letter, was a "mistake" attributable to "honourable motives" from which he will learn.

Let us hope that you are right and that, accordingly, he will shortly be retracting his calumny and acknowledge that the Progressive (Reform and Liberal) movements have a positive role to play within the happily variegated spectrum of Jewish religious life in this country. On that, selfevidently, depends what kind of a relationship, if any, these movements will be able to have with his office in

But you are completely wrong in suggesting that the unity of British Jewry depends on perpetuating the myth - for it has never been anything else — that the Chief Rabbi represents all sections of it, still more that it would be "divisive" for the Progressives to have their own religious leadership, which of course they have always had.

The various sections of Britain's pluralistic Jewish community will continue to work together in the pursuit of common aims, under the umbrella of such organisations as Jewish Care and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, as they have always done, with or without the help of the Chief Rabbi.

Yours sincerely JOHN D. RAYNER (Honorary Life-President of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues). 28 St John's Wood Road, NWS.

Test ban treaty

From the Minister of State. Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir, Mr Dave Knight (letter, March 8) is unduly alarmist over the timing of the legislation to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We are committed to ratifying as early as possible, and certainly well within the two-year period (ending September 1998) that has to elapse before the treaty can enter into force.

But ratification is not an empty formality. A detailed Bill is needed to provide for, among other things, onsite inspections in any part of the United Kingdom. Preparatory work is in hand, and we hope to introduce it in the next Parliament.

I was also surprised to see Mr Knight's claim that the United Kingdom's record on nuclear disarmament is one of grudging obstruction. In fact we took an extremely active role in the promulgation of the test ban treaty to ensure it had the maximum effect on minimising proliferation.

In recent years we have made a number of reductions to our nuclear forces on a national basis. By the end of 1998 our deterrent will be 21 per cent smaller in terms of warheads and 59 per cent smaller in terms of explosive power than in the mid-1970s. This is not incompatible with our continued commitment to nuclear deterrence and allows us to retain the minimum effective deterrent.

Yours faithfully. DAVID DAVIS. Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, SWI. March II.

From Mr Aengus D. Dowley

Sir, As long as nuclear weapons remain the ultimate form of deterrence against attack on the UK they must be shown to be reliable. The Government must, in my view, retain the ability to resume nuclear tests in future to maintain the credibility of the stockpile; this would also demonstrate the political will to use nuclear weapons. a vital element of an effective deter-

The disarmament movement maintains that the nuclear stockpile can be maintained and upgraded by compu-ter modelling and testing, but this is yet to be proved. Previous test data are certainly stored in computers, but the programs necessary to design and test nuclear warheads without actually detonating them have yet to be written. We cannot rely on supercomputers to keep nuclear weapons safe.

Yours faithfully. AENGUS D. DOWLEY. University of Hull. Department of Politics. Hull HUo 7RX. March 8.

A matter of honour

From Mr P. J. Watts

Sir, Would it be too cynical to suggest that had the nursery nurse, Miss Lisa Pons, made a substantial donation to the Tory party's funds she might have been awarded the formal recognition which Mr Justice Sedley rightly implies her brave action in protecting her pupils deserves (report, March 8)?

Yours faithfully. PATRICK WATTS. 2 Blenheim Way. Grantham, Lincolnshire, March 8.

Discontent within Popular dissent on benefits of EU From Mr Richard Rawsthorn

Sir. The case advanced by the pro-

Europeans in their "counter-attack"

on the Eurosceptics (letter, March 13)

is entirely economic. Their argument,

put baldly, seems to me to be that if we

do not participate wholeheartedly in the development of the EU, the British people will be poorer and some may lose their jobs. This is strongly

However, the roots of Euro-

scepticism have nothing to do with economics: the nub of the matter is

that the EU has failed utterly to win

over the hearts and minds of the

British people, many of whom loathe

that for a British government to be

supplanted by or subordinated to

such institutions contains the makings of a catastrophe on a scale which

will make economic arguments seem

From Major-General M. S. Hancock

Sir, The Conservatives are no longer

aiming to be "at the heart of Europe".

nor honouring their pledge to work

towards "an ever closer Europe".

Labour appear to be equally in doubt about Britain's future in Europe.

Indeed their policies are no longer

based on principles but, in many

ways, seem to have become similar to

those of the Conservatives in the hope

of more votes. Liberal Democrats

have consistently supported playing

Our future in Europe is clearly the most important single issue for the

forthcoming election and we have the

choice. Let us vote Lib-Dem not Lab-

our full part in Europe.

Yours faithfully, M. S. HANCOCK,

Godstone, Surrey.

Brakey Hill.

March II.

RICHARD RAWSTHORN,

Near Burnley, Lancashire.

Pro-Europeans should understand

and despise the EU's institutions.

contested by the sceptics.

Yours faithfully.

Barcroft, Cliviger,

From Sir Christopher Beauchamp

Sir, I would dispute each of the "benefits" of our membership of the EU that are set out by Mr Giles Radice, MP (letter, March 10).

Environmental standards have not heen improved by the common agricultural policy. For example the destruction of hedgerows, wild life and our natural habitat resulting from EU farming policies has been a

It is Nato, not the EU that has "helped to secure the longest unbroken period of peace in Europe for 300 years"

The EU has not made British business more successful. We have had a trade deficit with Europe during the whole period of UK membership of £87 billion. During the same period the UK had a trading surplus with the rest of the world of over £90 billion.

British people are not better off in the EU. The CAP increases every family's food bills by over £20 per week. EU food prices were on average 70 per cent higher than on the world market during the 1980s. Our £3.5 billion net annual budget contributions puts £211 extra on everybody's taxes every year. High interest rates forced by our ERM membership from 1990-92 exacerbated unemployment, industrial bankruptcies, repossessions and economic distress.

As to Britain's influence in the world, our say in matters counts for nothing if it is overruled by majority voting in the EU.

What is so outrageous is that the EU is using our money (£150,000 for the campaign to which Mr Radice refers but millions have been earmarked for campaigns throughout the EU including the UK) by way of grants to fund such propaganda: something that would be illegal for any political party in this country to

Yours sincerely, C. R. P. BEAUCHAMP, The Coach House, 4 Balfour Mews, Sidmouth, Devon. March 10.

U-boat secrets

From Mr Ralph Erskine

Sir, Your excellent obituary of Captain A. J. Baker-Cresswell [March 6; also letters, March 15] mentioned in passing the recovery of "new rotors" from the Enigma machine from the U-boat U559 in November 1942. In fact the bravery of Lieutenant Anthony Fasson, Able Seaman Colin Grazier and 16-year-old Tommy Brown, from HMS Petard, in recovering vital code material from the U559 helped to turn the course of the war.

They did not capture any Enigma rotors from U559 - none were needed, since the Bletchley Park code-breakers had already worked out their wiring. Instead, they recovered two important codebooks used by the U-boats. From December 1942 until

means by which Bletchley could find "cribs" (probable wording of signals). with which to break the Shark cipher used by the Atlantic U-boats. Sadly, Anthony Fasson and Colin

about June 1943, these were the only

Grazier, who received posthumous George Crosses, were drowned when U559 went down suddenly. Tommy Brown survived and became the youngest holder of the George Medal. Few acts of courage by three individ-uals can ever have had so far-reaching consequences.

Breaking Shark played a major part in helping to win the Battle of the Atlantic - and probably shortened

Yours faithfully, RALPH ERSKINE, 23A Park Street (Apt 5), Bath. March 8.

Channel 5 retuning

From Mr Paul Smee

Sir, Your leading article (March 11) suggests that the Independent Television Commission appears "in no hurry to address the grievances" of viewers over the performance of Channel 5 retuners (reports, March 11 and 13; letter, March 7).

The ITC has to be satisfied that 90 per cent of those whose TV equipment would suffer from interference from Channel 5 broadcasts have had that equipment retuned before these programme services start in any given transmission area.

Of course, one of the main sources of information about the progress of this huge exercise is the Channel 5 statistical base. This has been evaluated by independent consultants appointed by the ITC who have confirmed that it is a reliable indication of Channel 5's performance. We also receive information about progress from other sources. All this information gives a broadly consistent mess-

Channel 5 has had to fulfil its licence requirements on the overall progress of retuning. It is this perfor-mance which has enabled the commission to agree to the start of transmissions on March 30. After the start of broadcasting, Channel 5, as a requirement of its licence, must respond to any viewers who still have interference problems within tight timescales - and free of charge - for a further three months.

There have been an inevitable number of difficult cases. The prime responsibility for their resolution lies with Channel 5. It has set up, with our support, ombudsman arrangements. We have been able to help a number of individuals who have contacted us and we will continue to do so.

Yours faithfully PAUL SMEE (Director of Public Affairs), Independent Television Commission, 33 Foley Street, W1.

Bugging approval

From Mr Rowland Cottingham

Sir. The Home Secretary (letter, March 11) continues to insist that there will be occasions on which a commissioner (a past or serving judge) cannot be located in time to approve a surveillance operation.

In order that it can be ensured that such a situation should not arise, surely we, the medical profession can offer our legal colleagues a solution that we have used for many years to good effect. Doctors operate an on-call system and I recommend this for the commissioners. A telephone call in which the requirement is set out may be made at any hour and be approved immediately.

This will satisfy the requirement of celerity and the law will be seen to have been consulted. The number of occasions on which such a rapid response will be required must be small, and will not be an excessive burden on any one commissioner.

Yours faithfully. R, COTTINGHAM (Consultant in accident surgery and emergency medicine). Eastbourne District General Hospital. Accident and Emergency Unit. Eastbourne, East Sussex.

March 12.

Hogg hunting

From Mr John A. Sibbald

Sir. Matthew Parris reports today the increasing enthusiasm with which Members of Parliament are taking up Hogg hunting (Political sketch, Mar-

Your readers, or rather hunt followers, may like to know that, according to Robert Baden-Powell's authoritative Pigsticking or hog hunting (Harrison & Sons, 1889), the sport is, in its primitive form, the most general and ancient sport in existence.

He describes the quarry thus: in the matter of brains he [the hog] goes in for quality and not quantity, for there can be no doubt that that little brain is excessively full of craft ... even in the worst dilemma a pig never loses his head.

And in similar vein: The fact of finding himself hard pressed appears to annoy a boar very considerably. and he will then often charge any object he sees, whether it may be concerned in his pursuit or not.

As if with recent events in mind. Baden-Powell also observes A pig hard pressed will often make for a herd of cattle and try to keep in its midst during its blunderings and stupid flight.

Yours sincerely. JOHN A. SIBBALD, 50 Blacket Place, Edinburgh 9.

Lead us not into supermarkets

From Mr Ian F. Burke

Sir, The Reverend John Papworth (report, March, 5) describes supermarkets and superstores as "places of evil and temptation" that have forced small shops out of business and damaged communities. It was the con-sumers who decided that the high street no longer met their needs, not the supermarkets.

The high streets were not and are not, in the great majority of cases, capable of handling the social and demographic changes that took place after the last world war. Small traditional grocery stores could not handle the increased population and the traffic volumes created.

Supermarkets operate on margins that are much lower than those in traditional stores. They provide greater freedom of choice, fresher and healthier products, faster and more convenient service in a cleaner more hygienic environment.

emptation, however, arises when items are placed on stalls in the street. not inside stores with entry barriers and security procedures. Stealing in a supermarket requires premeditated

The high streets failed to adapt to the changes in their environment despite plenty of warning and paid the

Mr Papworth may just have exceeded his use-by date.

Yours etc. IAN F. BURKE (Senior lecturer). School of Business and Management. University of Greenwich. Woolwich Campus, Riverside House, Beresford Street, Woolwich, SE18. March 17.

From Monsignor J. Joyce

Sir, The Reverend John Papworth's advocacy of shoplifting has caused adverse comments from Anglican authorities, but his position could be seen as a development of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which says:

The seventh commandment forbids theft. that is, usurping another's property against ible will of the owner. There is no theft if consent can be presumed or if refusal is contrary to reason and the universal destination of goods. This is the case in obvious and urgent necessity when the only way to provide for immediate, essential needs (food, shelter, clothing...) is to put at one's disposal and use the property of others (para 2408).

This is based on the premise that the right to private property "does not do away with the original gift of the earth to the whole of mankind. The universal destination of goods re-

mains primordial" (para 2403). Perhaps Mr Papworth is more faithful to Christian teaching than those who attacked him.

Yours faithfully. J. JOYCE, The Parish of St James and St William of York, St James, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire. March 15.

From Field Marshal Sir John Stanier

Sir, Let's hope that when next the Reverend John Papworth wheels his trolley into Tesco's, the management will run him in for shoplifting. whether he has or not. After all, there's nothing wrong with bearing false witness: it's only another of the Ten Commandments.

Yours faithfully. JOHN STANIER. Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, WI. March 15.

From Mr M. G. de St V. Atkins

Sir. It really is rich of Mr Andrew Coker, a spokesman for Tesco, to say: The eighth commandment is Thou shalt not steal'. I find it very surprising that a vicar should be encouraging people to commit sin."

The fourth commandment requires that the sabbath be kept holy. Tesco deliberately breached that law and also, in the correct expectation that spineless local authorities would do nothing, the law of the land as it then was. A spokesman for the company is not the obvious person to cast the first

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, M. G. de St V. ATKINS, Whittington. via Carnforth, Lancashire.

March 15.

Stops and starts From Mr Raymond Davern

Sir, Despite the fact that Einstein's lasting contribution to human knowledge pertained to what Aristotle called speculative rather than practical reasoning, I should have thought it likely that even he was concerned to discover not so much whether Crewe went past the train leaving Euston (letter, March 13) as whether, if it did so, it did so slowly enough for him to alight thereat.

Yours faithfully. RAYMOND DAVERN, King's College London, School of Law, Strand, WC2. March 14.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 17: The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Oveen this

The Duke of Edinburgh. President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International. this morning visited the offices of the Wildlife Foundation. Khabarovsk. Eastern Russia, to view the Geographical Information

Afterwards His Royal Highness called on the Governor of Kha-barovsk at the White House.

The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently gave a Press Conference for World Wide Fund for Nature. His Royal Highness this after noon attended a Luncheon with members of the Wildlife Foundation and staff from World Wide Fund for Nature - Russia at the Parus Hotel.

The Duke of Edinburgh later visited the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Hunt-

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner given by the Governor of Khabarovsk. March 17: The Princess Royal this afternoon visited Glasgow and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Her Royal Highness visited Scotish Power and opened the

The Princess Royal later opened the Scottish Engineering Centre for the Institution of Electrical

Engineers in St Enoch Square. Her Royal Highness, Patron, the World Culinary Grand Prix 1997, afterwards opened the competition at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre

The Princess Royal this evening attended the Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland's Industry Dinner at the Glasgow Thistle Hotel. CLARENCE HOUSE

March 17: Queen Elizabeth The Oueen Mother this morning presented Shamrock to the Irish Guards at Elizabeth Barracks, Pirbright, on the occasion of St Patrick's Day. The Lady Angela Oswald, Ma-

jor Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt. and Major Charles MacEwan were in

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 17: The Prince of Wales. Duke of Cornwall, this morning visited Duchy farms in Cambridgeshire and the Agri-Development Advisory Experimental Farm, Service

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited the North Level Drainage Board, Thorney, on the iftieth Anniversary of the 1947 floods, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James

The Prince of Wales later visited Peterborough Cathedral and viewed the restoration work. YORK HOUSE March 17: The Duke of Kent. Luncheons

Monday Luncheon Club

Sir George Christie was the prin-cipal guest at a luncheon of the

Monday Luncheon Club held yes-

terday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Roland Shaw presided.

The Chief of the General Staff took

the salute at a parade of the 1st Bn The Royal Irish Regiment, com-manded by Major R.G. Russel, held yesterday in Catterick to

mark St Patrick's Day. Mrs

Jeremy Brooks presented the

Royal Over-Seas League Professor Geoffrey Wood was the guest speaker at a meeting of the

Discussion Circle of the Royal

Over-Seas League held last night

at Over-Seas House, St James's.

The following have been elected officers of the Launderers' Company

Master, Mr Richard Christopher

Lewis Orford; Senior Warden, Mr Michael Bennen; Renter Warden, Mr

Mrs Mairi Racliff presided.

Launderers

for the ensuing year:

Thomas Andrew Elliott.

The Royal Irish

Regiment

shamrock.

The Prime Minister gave a lun-cheon yesterday at 10 Downing

Prime Minister

new Business Park. Cathcart, Chancellor, the University of Surrey, this afternoon launched the Surrey Scholars' Scheme, at St

Royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of York will attend a dinner given by the Yorkshire Universities Air Squadron at RAF Linton on Ouse at 7.00. The Princess Royal, as President of

the Save the Children Fund, will attend "Talk Back" at Hopscorch Asian Women's Centre, 42 Phoenix Road, NW1, at 11,00. Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will visit Morrisons

Supermarket, Bradford, at 2.00 and accept a cheque representing the final amount raised for the society by employees in the past year: and will visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum, Hawortin. West Yorkshire, at 3.30. The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of Plan International, will

attend an exhibition at the Cafe Royal at 7.00 to mark the plan's The Duchess of Kent, as patron. School, Stoke d'Abernon, Cobham.

Surrey, at 11.30.

of Harrowby

memory of the Countess of Harrowby will be held at St lames's, Piccadilly, London (entrance Jermyn Street) on April 9 at 3.00pm. No mourning, please.

Reunion — for all Old Epsomians who entered the College before 1950 on Saturday, May 3, with tours of the school at 2.00pm through m a buffet supper at 6.30pm. Wives will be welcome There has already been a good response. Anyone requiring details should write to the Headmaster.

Appointment

appointed Chairman of the Council of Independent Colleges and Research Associations from March 21.

Birthdays today

Mr Ron Atkinson, football manager 58: Mr Patrick Barlow, actor, writer and director, 50: Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Beale, n3: Professor Alexander Boksenberg, FRS, astronomer, of; Major Sir David Butter, former Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, 77; Mr J.P. Dawson, trade unionist, 57: Miss Lois Over, international physiotherapy consultant, 72: Mr Pat Eddery, juckey, 45: Mr Roger Evans, MP, 50

Sir William Fraser, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 68: Sir Perer Harron, civil servant, 71: Mr Alex Higgins, snooker player, 48; Professor Celia Hoyles, math-

Kavanagh, former deputy com-missioner, Metropolitan Police, 74; Professor Linda Partridge, evolu-tionary biologist, 47; Professor Sir Gordon Robson, anaesthetist, 70; Mr Alan Sapper, trade unionist, 66: Mr Barry Shaw, Chief Con-stable, Cleveland, 56: Mr Nicholas Snowman, chief executive, South Bank Centre, 53: Mr Ingemar Stenmark, skier, 41: Professor Eric Sunderland, former Vice-Chan-cellor, University of Wales, 67: Mr John Updike, writer, 65: Dr Michael von Clemm, President. Templeton College, Oxford, 62: Professor J.Z. Young, FRS, zoologist, 40.

The Countess

A service of prayer and music in

Epsom College There will be a Gaudy

Mr Marcel van Miert has been

ematician, 51: Mr Patrick Meeting

mascot, Cuchlain, during the St Patrick's Day parade at Elizabeth Barracks, Pirbright, Surrey, yesterday **Buried bones reveal the risks** of medieval urban life

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother with the sergeants of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards and their Irish wolfhound

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

The Prime Minister gave a ioncheon yesterday at 10 Downing
Street for regional newspaper
proprietors. The guests were:
Mr Michael Heseltine, MP. Dr Brian
Mawhinney. MP. Mr Michael Howard,
QC, MP. Mr Stephen Dorrell. MP. Mr.
Alec Davidson. managing director.
Northellife. Newspapers, Mr. Ilm
Brown, chief executive. Newsquest. Mr
Gareth Clark. chalrman, Southnews,
Mr Alan Goode, group chief executive,
Bristol Evenling Post. Mr Leo Collgan,
executive director. Trinity International Holdings, Mr Douglas Graham,
chalrman. Midland News Association. Mr Fred Johnston, executive
chairman. Johnston Press. Mr Chris
Qakley. group chief executive.
Midland Independent Newspapers, Mr Indie
Newspapers. Mr Bill CoppenGardiner. managing director, Home
Counties Newspaper, Holdings. Mr
Jim Marwick, managing director.
Guardian Medla. Mr Charles Brims,
chief executive. Portsmouth and
Sunderlan Newspapers. Mr Ian
Richard. managing director.
Cambridge Evening News, Mr John
Robertson. managing director.
Newbury Weekly News. Mr David
Newell, director. Newspaper Society.
and Mr Johashan Haslam.

Monday Luncheon Club THE timbered towns of medieval England could be unhealthy places to live, in spite of their small size and easy access to the countryside. Some diseases were more than twice as common among townsfolk as in the villages, especially those associated with an infected water supply.

Human bones are a source of evidence often neglected in favour of historical documents, yet they encode vital data about their defunct owners' lives that no clerk ever thought to write down. "Human remains can contribute to our knowledge of environment, population movements, gender, status, growth, diet and burial practices in medieval times," Simon Mays of English Heritage told a recent conference.

Some 30,000 burials have been documented by archaeoiogists, although only a score or so of sites have more than a hundred reported, and thus a sufficient bulk of evidence from the community for trends to be observed. Two which have, Mr Mays

said, are the now-abandoned village of Wharram Percy, York, and St Helen-on-the-Walls, a vanished church within the city itself. Two

BIRTHS: Grover Cleveland, 22nd

American President 1885-89 and 24th President 1893-97, Caldwell,

New Jersey, 1837; Nikolai Rimsky-

Korsakov, composer, Tikhvin, Russia, 1844; Rudolf Diesel, en-

gineer, Paris, 1858; Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister

1937-40, Birmingham, 1869;

Wilfred Owen, poet. Oswestry. 1893; Robert Donat, actor.

Manchester, 1905.

Anniversaries

afflictions present in both communities were porotic hyperostosis and periostitis, both conveniently leaving traces on the surface of bones, still clearly visible after more than half a millennium. They are forms of anaemia, indicating a

lack of iron in the blood. While only 25 per cent of the inhabitants of Wharram Percy suffered from porotic hyperostosis, 58 per cent of those in St Helen's urban parish did, and with periostitis the figures were 8 per cent and 22 per cent respectively. In both cases a lack of iron being absorbed from the diet into the body is the cause: but there is no indication that the diets of rural and urban Yorkshiremen were very different in their iron content. Mr Mays's explanation is

that infected water in the urban supply led to endemic diarrhoea in York, so that food passed through the gut without its full nutritional value being extracted. Thus a potentially healthy diet would be rendered inadequate.

Nevertheless, the people of York must have developed some resistance to the infection, he pointed out: they survived long enough for the only further research, includeffects of the anaemia to be permanently imprinted on ancient genealogies, will tell.

DEATHS: Edward the Martyr, King of England 975-8, murdered

at Corfe Castle, Dorset, 978; Fra

Angelico, painter, Rome, 1455; Philip Massinger, dramatist, London, 1640; Robert Walpole, 1st

Earl of Orford, the "First Prime

Minister" 1721-42. London, 1745; Laurence Sterne, writer, London.

1768; John Horne Tooke, politician

and philologist, London, 1812; Marcelin Berthelot, chemist, Paris, 1907; George I. King of Greece 1863-1913, assassinated, Salonika.

1913; Eleuthérios Venizélos, Greek Prime Minister 1910-15 1917 1974 and 1928-30, Paris, 1936; Farouk I, King of Egypt 1936-52, Rome, 1965; Erich Fromm, physiologist, Lo-

their hones, while if the infec-

tions had been swift to kill, the

skeletons would, paradoxical-

ly, have looked much more

signs of disease.

healthy" and lacked obvious

This environmental expla-

nation of the differences is

rejected by some scientists. who would see instead an

hereditary element, in which

an inborn susceptibility to

anaemias - or resistance to

them - was the key.

Thalassaemia (sickle-cell

anaemia) is common in West

Africa, is inherited, and gives

some protection against the

endemic malaria: thus anae-

mia may in fact lead to a

Some of these autosomal

recessive diseases arise

because the initial founding

population of the community

afflictions may be passed on.

especially with a lot of inter-

ments, to a high percentage of

a larger, later population.

Whether the inhabitants of

either Wharram Percy or of a

small area of medieval York

were thus genetically distinc-

tive, and if so, how it affected

their lives, is something tha

ing DNA testing to build

marriage in isolated settle-

very small: hereditary

longer life.

The Tolpuddle Martyrs were sentenced to transportation for forming a trade union, 1834. The Soviet cosmonaut Alexei

Leonov made the first walk in space from his craft Voskhod 2, 1965.

carno, Switzerland, 1980.

Dinners

Prime Minister The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Lord Mayor's Appeal for the Cancer Research Campaign. The guests

Research Campaign. The guests were:
The Lord Mayor, Miss Melissa Cork. Lord and Lady Chadlington, Lady. Harris of Peckham, Mr Douglas Sturd, CH, MP, and Mrs Hurd, Mr John MacGregor, MP, and Mrs MacGregor, Alderman Sir Peter and Lady Gadsden, Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins, Sir Christopher and Lady Willidmson, Professor Gordon McVie, Ms Claudia Burke, Mrs Michael Asheroft, Mr and Mrs John Balley, Mr and Mrs Denis Burrell, Mr and Mrs Roger Dancey, Mrs Sally Greasley, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Hilton, Mr and Mrs Robert Illing, Mr and Mrs John Lyras, Mr and Mrs Steve Shirley, Mr Philip Stopford, Mr and Mrs Steve Shirley, Mr Philip Stopford, Mr and Mrs Shaun Woodward, Mr and Mrs Kichard Waidock, Mr and Mrs Shaun Woodward, Mr and Mrs Shaun Woodward, Mr and Mrs Kria Harrison-Gillett and Miss Arabella Warbutton.

Plumbers' Company Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, Lord Mayor locum tenens anied by the Sheriffs, at rended the annual livery dinner of the Plumbers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr C. Smith, Master, presided, assisted by Mr P.R. Brummer, Upper Warden, and Mr E.W. Hopkinson, Renter Warden. Sin Jocelyn Stevens also spoke. Launderers' Company

Mr David Robert Browne, Master of the Launderers' Company, pre-sided at the March court dinner held last night at Launderers' Hall. Mr Anhur Kennedy, a founder member of the company, endowed the livery with a trust fund to be known as the Arthur Kennedy Trust Fund, for use in acts of benevolence and training for the laundry industry.

Defence and Security Forum Mr Norman Lamont, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Defence and Security Forum. Incorporating Families for Defence, held last night at the House of Commons. Lady Olga Mait-land, MP, president, was the host. Newspaper Society Mr Chris Oakley, Vice-Chairman

of the Newspaper Society, presided at a dinner given by the society last night at the Atrium Restaurant in honour of Mr David Blunkett.

Cardiff Business Club The Chairman of Cardiff Business Club, Mr Brian K. Thomas, the Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Coun-cillor J.R. Phillips, and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr R.P.V. Rees, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Sir Norman Foster, Sir Norman Foster and Partners, architects and designers. Mr Tim Holder, Holder Mathias

Forthcoming? marriages

The Hon Justin Trefgarne and Miss M.E.H. Gaisford The engagement is announced between Justin Peter Garro, yourger son of Lord and Lady Trefgame, of Woking, Surrey, and Molly Elizabeth Helen, second daughter of Robert and Susan Gaisford, of Stonegate, East

Mr C.N. Bird and Miss F.K. Siberry The engagement is annotation between Charles, elder son Professor and Mrs Alan Bird. Dulwich, and Fiona, only dans ter of Mr John Siberry and the late Mrs Janet Siberry, formerly of Dublin, currently of Long Island. Mr P.A. Bridges

and Miss S.J.D. Churchyard
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs R. Bridges, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Churchyard, of Brackley, Northamptonshire. Mr J.A.G. Inglis and Miss L.E.L. Morant

The engagement is announced. between James, eldest son of Mr-and Mrs George Inglis, of Great Dummow, Essex, and Langa-daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Morant, of Brockenhurst, Mr P.D. Miles and Miss E.F. Latham

The engagement is announced between Phil, son of Mr and Mrs James Miles, of Eltham, London, and Eileen, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Latham, of Takeley, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire Mr M.D. Tatham-Thompson and Miss J.J. Norman The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs.

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Thomas H. Tatham-Thompson, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Jessica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman, of Ballinger, Buckinghamshire. Mr R.F. Whybrow and

Miss Dang Thi Thanh Flaong The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Whybrow, of Layer de la Haye, Essex, and Huong, only daughter of the late Mr Dang Duy. and of Mrs Nguyen Thi Hang, of the Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Mr D.L. Zimmerman and Miss T.G.A. Clewett

The engagement is announced between Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs Lee Zimmerman, of Florida, USA, and Tamara, daughter of Mr — Michael Clewett and Mrs Polly

Marriage

Mr M.R.Q. Henriques and Mrs O.M. Cooper The marriage took place in Cirencester on Saturday, March & between Michael Henriques and Olivia Cooper, of Winson Manor.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Robert Wallace, Vicar, united benefice of Stansted Mountfitchet w Birchanger and Farnham: to be Rector, Hutton All Saints' w St Peter (Chelmsford). Canon Anthony Wilds, Vicar, St Mary, Andover w Foxcott (Winchester): to be Team Rector, Soli-hull Team Ministry (St Alphege) The Rev Richard Willcox, Vicar,

Evercreech w Chesterblade and Milton Clevedon: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity. Bridgwater (Bath and

The Rev Dr John Williams, Director of Clergy Training and Priest-in-charge, Emley (Wakefield): to be also Wakefield Ministry Scheme The Rev Martin Williams, Curate,

Bath Walcot: 10 be Rector, St Michael w St Paul, Bath (Bath &

(Hereford): to be Chaplain of Christ Church, Oxford (Oxford). Resignations and retirements The Ven Dennis Ede, Archdeacon of Stoke upon Trent and ah Honorary Canon of Lichfield from July 1, and then be appointed" Tilford, Famham (Guildford) (Oxford): to retire May 31.

signed February 28.
The Rev Diana Penny, joint Priest in-charge (NSM), Upton St Leon-ards (Gloucester): resigns April 25. The Rev Colin Renwick, Vicar, St Frideswyde, Thornton (Liverpool): to retire May 31.

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Jesus proclaimed: To believe in me, is not to believe in me but in him who sent me, John 12: 44

BIRTHS

ALLPORT - To Karole (nee Hughes) and Philip, on St March 1997, a son Tobias Froderick (Toby). BLACKBURN - On 6th March 1997 to Sophic (ne Carpenter) and Martin, a BROOKS - On March 13th 1997, to Antonia (nee Cuddigan) and Michael, a daughter Isabelle Mary, a

BUSH - On March 13th at the Portland Hospital to Karl (nee Strom: and Kries, a son Justin, a brother for Ethan and Evann.

COLLINS - On March 13th, in New York, to Kate (nee Hollis) and Kenneth, a daughter, Lucy Frances. The Portland Hospital t Paula and Iah, a son, Morgan James, a brother for Sarah and Simon. CURTIS - March 15th to Ka

and Robert, a daughter, Zar at St. Thomas' Westminste DELSO - On March 12th to Adrian and Emily a daughter, Elizabeth, a sister for Jack EADIE - On March 12th, t Emily and Christopher, son, Milo Louis, A brothe son, Mile Louis. ... for Rufus and Rez. BLUOT . Paul and Sarah an

delighted to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Joseph on 15th March at Queen Charlotte's. ISHER - On March 14th, to Alexa (nee Martine) and

Nicholas, a daughter, Helena Sophic Grace, a sister for Alexander and Richard GEUVEN - On March 14th at The Portland Hospital to Rira Fewerhordt and Thomas Geuven a daughter Tordis, we are happy.

SIBBOAS - On March 13th at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roghampton, to Deborah trafe Gratirus, and Tim, a son, Harry Quintin. GILFILLAN - On March 14th at Pombury Hospital to Carolino (see Gibson) and Andrew, a son Hazry Brian Philip, a brother for Daisy. GRAY - On March 12th 1997 to Jodi and Tom, a son (Samuel Robert), a brother for Stephen, James and

iRIFFITHS - On Tuesday 11th March 1997, to Gary and Susan (née Cartwright), a son Aidan John, a brother for

HRL - On March 12th 1997 at The Portland Hospital to Sandra (née Maccini) and William, a daughter, Glorgia Edda.

HUNT - On 13th March in Melbourne, Australia, to Giles and Gill Hunt, a daughter Holly Susannah Easton.

Easton.

HURST - On March 8th to
Alison (née England) and
Mark, a daughter, Annabel
Katharine Mary.

KELLY - On March 6th 1997, to
Caroline (née Wigin) and
Robert, a son Hugh Edward, a
brother for Charlotte. MecGINNS - On March 14th to Lucy (née Brain) and Niall, a son, Henry Charles John (Harry), a brother for Patrick

MICHOL - on March 15th 1997 to Sarah and John, a beautiful daughter Belinda Marie, a little slater for Harry. PAYNE - On March 2nd t Adrian and Susan, a son George Joseph Harrington. RICHARDS - On March 12th to Amaie and Gavin, a daughter, Fiona Elizabeth Chistolm, a sister for Georgina and William

SCHAPERO - On March 4th a The Portland Hospital to Stella (née Tansengco) and Jool, J son, Jacob Mark SHELDON - On March 15th SHELION - Un March 15th
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SIMPSON - On March 14th
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FALBOT - On March 6th, 1997, in New York, to Melody (née Hallett) and Anthony, a daughter, Bridget Eleanor Wyndham, a sister for Imogen and Jammine.

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WALKER - On March 12th, to
Fiona (née Townend) and
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Alexandra (Katle), a sister
for Emily, Edward and
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WAUGH - On 15th March to Catrin (née Davies) and Andrew, a son, Jonathan Prys, a brother for Matthew, Owen and Daniel Always GRIGG - On March 10th 1997 at St Mary's Bospital, to Rachol and Sebastian, a son WHEATLEY - On March 13th to Victoria (nee Lindsay) and Gregory, a daughter, Elizabeth Clare Flavia Joyce, a sister for Christopher and Richard. Deo Gratias. WIGIN - See Kelly.

WOOLIEY - On March 11th, to Vanessa (nee Turton) and Andrew, a son, Henry Michael, a brother for Alexander.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - Gwendoline Jane.
Feacefully in hospital on
March 11th 1997 aged 84
years. Devoted wife of the
lata Leonard Arthur
Andrews. Loving mother of
her son Ken, grandmother of
Michael and jane and great
grandmother of Brandon
james. Funeral Service at
Marylebone Crematorium,
Finchley 2pm Thumday 20th
March. Donations to the
Friends of Whittington
Hospital clo Arthur Luck &
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BEAMES - On 14th March

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BEAMES - On 14th March
1997. Peacefully at The
Lister Hospital, Joy Beames
of Alicia Gardens, Kenton
aged 68. Funaral Service at
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DEATHS MEY - On March 13th at the ld Prehendal House, hipton-Under-Wychwodd. pritha aged 92 years. Dearly red wife of the late A.E.W. berna agen v. years, Dearly loved wife of the late A.E.W. Blazey. Loving mother of Diana, Rosemary and Lawrance, and a much loved grandmother. Cremation to take place at Oxford

shown - Sir Stanley (Fib. Srown), formerly Chairman of Central Electricity Generating Soard, on March 17th, peacefully after a short illness at Northleach Court, Northleach Goe, aged 36. Much lowed husband of Nancy, Eather of Marianne and Muriel, grandfather of Heather, Fenella and Duncan and great grandfather of Adam and Jessica. No flowers by request. flowers by request. Donations in memory will be appreciated to Mental Aftercare Association, 25 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RW. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday March 21st at

- Sir Stanley (FHS

GOCKCROFT - On March 15th, peacefully, Audrey Mary, Darling wife of Barney, much loved mother of Rupert and Laura and grandmother of Hebe and Tabitha, Funeral Service on Thursday 20th March, 11,00am, at Ashford Hill, Near Newbury, Donations for The North Hampshire Hospital and enquiries to Howe & Son, Bear Hill, Kingsclere, Newbury RG20 50A (01635) 298303.

de SRANT - On March 13th, in London, Gillian Elizabeth Sugden, much loved mother of Virginia and Sophie, Funeral Service at West London Cramatorium, Kensal Green, W10 on Thursday 20th March at 4.15pm. Family Howens only, donations in their to Royal Brompton Hospital, for attention of Victoria Ward. de SAIRLES - Patrick Philip.
Pencefully on March 11th
1997 Patrick aged 71 years,
architect. Funeral Service at
Shrewsbury Cromatorium on
Monday March 24th at 4pm.
Sprays of cut flowers only,
please. Enquiries tel: 01743
344646.

FORSYTH - Ivy Barbara Mary, 91, on Sunday March 16th, peacefully at Cintra Nursing Home, Putney, Aunt to Sue and Adrian, greateunt to Nicola and Rupert, Much where she was so happy. Funeral at Mortlake

FRASER - Ronald G. The Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 20th March at 1.30pm, at Christ Church, Hampetead Square, London NW3. Mr Fraser's interment will be at 3pm at Hampstoad Cemetery, Fortune Green, London NW6. Donations to The Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, NW3 are preferred to flowers. ATEHOUSE - Jack, on March 13th 1997, peacefully at home in Rogate, Sussex. Funeral at St Bartholomew's.

Rogate, on Thursday 27th March, at 11.15am, Family flowers only, Donations, if desired, to Amnesty International, 99 Roseberry Avenue, EC1.

GOLYON-Charles Frederick, at Charlton Lodge Nursing Home, Banbury on Friday 14th March, aged 95. Loving father of Audrey and Alan. Proud grandfather and great grandfather. Former Chairman and Managing Director of Pratt Standard Range Limited und Founder Master of The Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants of The City of London Gremation at The Chiltenss Crematonium, Old Ameraham, Bucks, on Tuesday 25th March at 1pm. No flowers please, but donations welcome for The Alaheimers Disease Society or The International Glaucoma Association c/o Humphries Funeral Directors, Albert Street, Banbury, OXI6 8D.

GRAMT - Spencer Oliver aged 87 died peacefully on 15th March. Beloved husband of Mary and father of Peter. Joun. Robin and Stagra, We will miss him. Private funeszi 12.30am Friday 21st March at St Mary's, East Lavant, Family Rowers only, donations to R.N.L.

MAPPELL - Eve. Peacefully at home on 11th March aged nearly 93. Widow of Brigadier General W.H. Happell. She will be remembered with great affection by all who knew her. Funeral Service at West Norwood Crematorium, Norwood Road SE27, at 12 norm on Monday 24th March. No flowers please at her request. 13th peacofully in Eingston Hospital after a long fliness bourne with courage and fortitude Enquiries to F.W.

Paine (Funeral Di: 0181 546 4813. LEEMING - Nigol aged 47.
Problem solver. Peacefully
and with dignity at home in
Yoovil on 11th Murch, after a
two year fight against
cancer. Son of jack and Pat
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Charlotte.

MARSHALL - Peacefully on March 12th at St Goorge's Hospital, Tooting following a stroke. Florence Elsie dearly loved by her friends and relatives and old girls and staff of Lady Margaror School, Parsons Green where School, Parsons Green where she was Head Mistress from 1947-1971. Private cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2pm on Wednesday April 16th followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Whitelands College Chapel, West Hill, SW15 at 3pm on April 16th. No flowers, but domations to No flowers, but donat St George's Hospital Unit.

peacefully in hospital on Morch 14th. Dearly loved husband of Jame, father of Roger, Alice and Lucy and grandfather of Hugh, Philipps, Benjamin, Susannah and Katherine. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church, Flormann, at 1200 noon, Monday 24th March, Donations if desired to St. Mary's Restoration Appeal c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, PETERSON - On March 14th, a PETERSON - On March 14th, at home in Stokesley, North Yorkshire, Richard Magnus, aged 57, loved father of Katharise and Victorio-Peneral service, Kirkby Parish Church, 3pts, Thursday March 20th. Enquiries, Carter Funeral Service, Tel: 01642 700208.

MAXWELL - Rear Admiral Thomas Heron Maxwell CB. DSC. Peacefully at home on March 15th 1997, after a long illness bourne with dignity and courage. Loved husband of Maswe, father of Conor, Kate, Brigid and Robert. Sadly missed by all his family. Puneral Service St. Julian's Church, Wellow on Friday March 21st, at 10.30am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to

in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 28th September 1919, died, comforting these around him, in Warwick Wospital on 14th March 1997. He will be desperately missed but will continue to be loved by, amongst other family and friends, his wife Mande (Babs), sinter Olive, son David, daughter-in-law Mary and grand-daughters Juliet, isobel and Beth. The Funeral Service will be held at Alveston Parish Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, at 2.30pm on Friday 21st March, followed by a private committal. Flowers, pieces.

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STOW-On Sunday 16th March at Chelsen and Westminster Hospital John Montague Stow GCMG, KCVO much PRESTON - Frederick Colin George, beloved husband of Elizabeth (Betty), died peacefally in hospital, March 16th, aged 84. Much loved by all the family. Funeral at St Mary Magdelene, Mulbarton, 230pm, on Tuesday March 25th. Family flowers only, donations for Mulbarton Church, to Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

PRICE - Margaret Joan, or March 15th 1997 March 15th 1997, poacefully at home, after a long illness bravely borne. Beloved mother of Elizabeth. Susan and Anne and grandmother of Jonathan, Richard and Anunbelle, Funeral on Friday 21st March, 2pm at St Nicholas Church, Frankton, Family flowers only. Donations, i desired to Lord Mayo Trelogr Trust.

mater, tollower by a parents committal. Flowers, please, are to be from the family only: donations, if desired, to Cancer Research Campaign, CO A E Bonnett & Sons, 34

SAWSREDGE - Hugh On 16th March 1997. Very peacefully after a courageous battle. Beloved husband of Hisaboth and father of Jolla (Tiggy) and Caroline. Funeral Service at St. Philip and St. James Church Leckhampton, Cheltenham on Monday 24th March at 2.00 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Editish Diabotic Association, 10 Owen Annee Street, London Will OED.

Mark Private cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 20th March at 11,30am. At his request no Memorial Service. No Nowers, but donations is desired to The Sound Seekers 134 Buckingham Palace Ecad, SWIW 98A

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DEMENT - On March 16th, very
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her 83rd year, Antonia Mary
Usher, greatly loved wife of
the late Dudley Usher, and
adozed mother, grandmother
and great grandmother.
Funeral on Wednesday
March 26th at Dunfermline
Cressitorium at 11.20 am March 26th at Dunfermline Crematorium at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only please. MEMORIAL SERVICES

Professor Rosalind M.T. Hill will be held at St. Michael's Caurch, Cornhill, London EC3 at noon on April 8th and at St. Peter's Church, Stockbridge, Hampshire at 3pm on April 18th. IN MÉMORIAM --PRIVATE

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PROFESSOR ROBERT BROWNING

Professor Robert Browning, FBA, classicist and Byzantine specialist died on March II aged 83. He was born on January 15, 1914.

obert Browning was a prodigious scholar in the fields of Classics, Byzantine studies and modern Greek. He was a genuine polymath. As a student he was renowned for his ability to acquire new languages almost without effort; as a teacher, unfailingly kind and sensitive though he was, he would sometimes express mild surprise when his pupils turned out to be less fluent than he was in Albanian, Georgian or Bulgarian.

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The enormous range of his scholarly work — covering a chronological span from Linear B to modern Greece - is testimony to his boundless intellectual energy and appetite for knowledge, and to his deep love of Greek civilisation and culture. The esteem in which he in turn was held as a modern philhellene was marked by his being accorded the rare honour of a funeral at the expense of the Greek State.

Like others of his generation Robert Browning came to Byzantine studies from Classics; he was a distinguished Latinist as well as Hellenist. Born in Glasgow, he was educated at Kelvinside Academy and at Glasgow University, before going up as a Snell Exibitioner to Balliol College, Oxford, in 1935. There his contemporaries included Denis Healey, Edward Heath and the social historian Rodney Hilton, with whom Browning was to collaborate 30 years later on the radical journal Past and

At Oxford, Browning took firsts in both Mods and Greats, as well as winning many of the important university prizes, among them the Chancellor's Prize for a Latin version of Hume's Essay on Avarice. He also began to teach himself the languages of the Balkans and Eastern Europe. From Balliol, with the outbreak of From Balliol, with the outbreak of the Second World War, he joined the among them studies of Justinian and

Royal Artillery and spent a period working in Intelligence in Cairo, where he encountered Hilton again. as well as Enoch Powell, and also became involved with local left-wing activists,

From Egypt his war service took him to Italy, Bulgaria and what was then Yugoslavia, where he was assistant to the British military attache in Belgrade. His book Byzanrium and Bulgaria. published in 1975, drew on the interests and experiences of these years.

He returned briefly to Oxford after the war as a Harmsworth Senior Scholar at Merton College, before being appointed in 1947 to a lecture ship at University College London. His association with London University was to last until he retired in 1981 as Emeritus Professor of Classics and Ancient History at Birkbeck College, having held the chair since 1965.

Browning was a communist for much of his life, His political interests and allegiances led him to the Historians' Group of the Communist Party and drew him into friendship with like-minded historians such as Eric Hobsbawm and Christopher Hill. He became a member of the board of Past and Present in 1965. and was for many years a tireless worker on the side of the far Left.

This sustained and deeply held commitment rarely showed itself in his historical writings, however, even when he wrote on the later Roman Empire, a topic which readily lent itself in other hands to Marxist interpretation. Nor, though he was never reluctant to talk about his beliefs and experiences, was this a side of him which revealed itself much in his academic dealings.

The range of Browning's scholarly publications was wide, encompassing everything from an article on the date of Petronius (with C.N. Constantinides) to a comprehensive catalogue of all the dated Greek manuscripts of Cyprus to the year AD 1570. He was the author of



Theodora (1971, revised 1987), The Emperor Julian (1976) and The Byzantine Empire (1980, revised 1992) - but his academic strengths showed most clearly in his near-encyclopaedic knowledge of literary texts and of the history of scholarship.

One of the most used and cited of his many books is his Medieval and Modern Greek (1969, revised 1983), a brief but incisive treatment of the development of the Greek language from the late classical period to modern days. The profound love of

Greece revealed in his editing of another, very different work, the Thames & Hudson illustrated volume on The Greek World (1985). found expression not only in his scholarship but in his administrative activities and involvements.

During the years when Greece was under the rule of "the colonels", Browning gave strong support to opponents of the military regime. He also served as chairman of the British Committee for the Restitution of the Parthenon Marbles, was vice-president of the Association International des Etudes Byzantines and, among other offices, had been president of the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies and chairman of the National Trust for Greece.

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To the end of his life Browning would go our of his way to advise and help younger scholars. He had pupils and proteges all over the world, especially in Australia, where a Festschrift with the title Maistor. edited by Ann Moffatt, was published in 1984 to mark his retirement and his 70th birthday. A second Festschrift, with the title Philhellene, has recently been published in Venice under the auspices of the Hellenic Institute of Byzantine Studies.

Browning was active to the last. Reserved and quietly spoken though enchantingly loquacious on a lecture platform — he seemed in later years to have scarcely altered in appearance and manner since 1938, according to at least one of his contemporaries. His stamina, certainly, was undiminished, and his enthusiastic participation in an international congress in Copenhagen last year left younger scholars not merely impressed but envious.

His retirement from Birkbeck caused hardly a pause in his activity as one of the leading international Byzantine scholars, for he then took up a regular visiting appointment at the Centre for Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington. His inspiring lectures and classes won him a devoted following. Latterly, he also served as a committed member of the board of the new University of Cyprus.

Browning's scholarship and devotion to Greece were recognised in the award of an exceptional number of Greek honours and awards. He was elected to the British Academy in 1978 and to corresponding membership of the Academy of Athens in 1981.

Robert Browning is survived by his second wife, Ruth Gresh, whom he married in 1972, and by one of the two daughters of his first marriage, to Galina Chichekova.

RALPH SELBY

Ralph Selby, CMG, diplomat, died on February 21 aged 81. He was born on March 20. **3915.**

THE product of a diplomatic background (his father had been Ambassador in Lisbon, 1937-40), Ralph Selby ended his own career as British Amhassador to Norway from 1972 to 1975. He had begun his diplomatic life during the Munich crisis, but war soon intervened and he did not resume it until 1945. Perhaps his most successful posting was to Indonesia during the difficult years of the Sukarno regime.

The son of Sir Walford Selby, Raiph Selby was edu-cated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, before joining the Diplomatic Service in September 1938. In the Foreign Office's German department cipher room he saw the toings and froings of the Munich crisis at close quar-

At the outbreak of war he obtained his release from the FO and was commissioned into the Grenadier Guards. Landing in Normandy three weeks after D-Day, he saw action with his battalion for the next two months until, on August 20, 1944, a mortar bomb exploded in his face, nearly killing him. For Selby the war was over and he soon found himself back in the FO, again working on German

In 1947 he was appointed as First Secretary to the newly opened High Commission in New Delhi. After India he served successively in The Hague: London, again, as deputy head of Southern Department, dealing with Greece and Turkey: and Tokyo, where he was Counsellor and

Head of Chancery. From Japan he went in 1958 to Copenhagen as Counsellor and No 2 to the Ambassador. In 1961 he was appointed CMG, an honour which acknowledged his holding the fort and running the Embassy during the illness of the then

From Copenhagen he was sent to Indonesia. His dispatches to London from Jakarta succeeded in guiding the British Government away from its policy of funding aid to Indonesia at the worst time of the regime of the dictatorial President Sukarno. The Americans and Russians found to their cost, too late, that the funds that they had been pouring in to alleviate, as they thought, the starvation of the people were being annexed by Sukarno to buy himself private jet planes and build palaces for his wives. The subsequent confrontation with Britain over Malaysia and the eventual downfall of Sukarno

justified Selby's analysis. After further postings - to Warsaw, as Counsellor and No 2: to Boston, as Consul-General; and to Rome as Minister at the British Embassy - Selby was finally appointed Ambassador to Oslo.

a post he particularly enjoyed. In retirement after 1975 he lived on Hayling Island, at Mengeham House, inherited by his wife Julianna on the death of her mother in 1981: there he devoted himself to local charities and served as a borough councillor. He also became chairman and later president of the local Conservative Association. He was a great storyteller, and had an extraordinary memory for poetry and doggerel.

He is survived by his wife Julianna and by three daughters.

PROFESSOR BRYAN COLES

Professor Bryan Coles, FRS, physicist, died on February 24 aged 70. He was born on June 9, 1926.

BRYAN COLES was a physicist who made important contributions to the understanding of magnetism and related phenomena in metals and alloys. One of the earliest exponents of the interdisciplinary approach to scientific research, he possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of alloys and chemical compounds and an almost photographic memory. At imperial College, London, where he was Professor of Solid State Physics for 25 years, he built up an internationally recognised research group in his subject

Born in Cardiff, Bryan Randell Coles went from Canton High School to read metallurgy at the University of Wales, Cardiff, graduating in 1947. Joining the research group of William Hume-Rothery at Oxford, he developed a lifelong interest in the physics of magnetism.

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Coles's abilities were soon recognised, and in 1950 he moved to London and a lectureship in Metal Physics at Imperial College. There he subsequently became senior lecturer, Reader, and, from 1966 onwards, Professor of Solid State Physics. In 1954 he went to the

Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh as a re-search fellow, and this visit initiated transatlantic links which, together with his inspiration and leadership, helped to create a strong department

FLIGHTS

at Imperial. A succession of distinguished scientists would spend their sabbaticals there, and it became an invariable port-of-call for colleagues on their way through London so much so that Coles sometimes attributed his research group's reputation to the direct connection on the Piccadilly line between Heathrow and South Kensington.

Coles's interests bridged the "two cultures", and more. His familiarity with the classics and an innate sense of humour encouraged him to use a generous sprinkling of literary quotations in his lectures and conference presentations, delighting many in his audience, but occasionally leaving a few of them bemused.

Coles later became more involved with university and scientific administration. At Imperial College he was Dean of the Royal College of Science. 1984-86, and College Pro-Rector from 1986 until his retirement in 1991. He was chairman of the then SRC Physics Committee from 1973 to 1976, and chairman of the

SERC Neutron Beam Research Committee from 1985 to 1988. In 1991, when he retired from his chair, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, a fitting climax to a distinguished career.

After his retirement Coles became Emeritus Professor and Senior Research Fellow at Imperial College, and re-sumed his research with renewed vigour. He looked wellset to follow the example of his other great mentor and friend. Nevill Mott, who maintained a creative research career until his death last year at the age

Coles travelled extensively, stimulating his many collaborators around the world with new ideas. He published a further 30 papers after his retirement and on his last day at Imperial College, just three days before his sudden death, he was planning new experiments.

He is survived by his wife Merivan whom he met when he was a Carnegie Fellow in Pittsburgh and married in 1955, and by two sons.

Austin Wright, sculptor, died in York on February 22 aged 85. He was born on June 4, 1911.

AFTER an early career as a teacher, Austin Wright worked as a sculptor full-time for forty years, producing hundreds of pieces in wood. lead and aluminium, together with a great number of drawings. But his works remained largely hidden trea-sures for decades. Sold to private collectors and museums in the North of England, they were rarely seen further south, thanks to Wright's determination to remain in York

and not to exhibit in London. In the 1950s he was championed as one of the greatest sculptors of his generation and exhibited internationally, but after his conscious stepback from the limelight of that early success, he worked relatively undisturbed in Yorkshire until the 1990s, when he had his first London exhibition for more than 30 years.

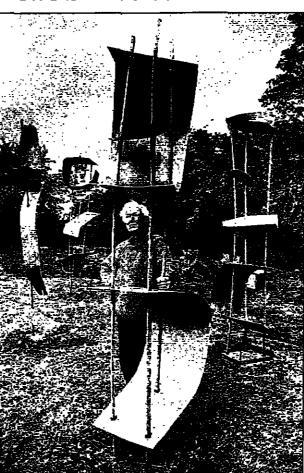
Austin Andrew Wright was born in Chester, and was brought up and educated in Cardiff. He read Modern Languages at Oxford, but moved to Malvern in 1934, shortly after graduating, to take up a teaching post at the private Downs School. His time there was instrumental in his dev-

elopment as a sculptor. Wright had no academic training in art, but since watching stonemasons at work while he was on holiday in France as a student, he had realised that his life was to be spent as a sculptor. He moved to York in 1937, to teach art at Bootham School and at the York School of Art. As a conscientious objector he was evacuated with the students to Ampleforth during 1940, where some of his earliest surviving carvings of figures were produced. Wright married one of his students, Susan Midgley, in 1945, and bought a house in Upper Poppleton, converting the derelict barn behind the house into his

studio.

AUSTIN WRIGHT

affairs.



Wright in his Yorkshire garden in 1991 with a work entitled *Plantation*

public exhibition at the York City Art Gallery, and four years later, with the help of local gallery directors and dealers, he managed to give up his teaching post at York Art School to concentrate on his sculpture full-time: "It was then that I really got going here, working solidly on my own ... I became locked and linked to this place — the barn

inside, the freedom of the ground outside." At this time Yorkshire, by now Wright's adopted county, held a particularly strong hand in the arts. Hans Hess and Helen Kapp, the postwar directors of York and Wakefield art galleries, co-ordinated

In 1950 he held his first a comprehensive series of contemporary art exhibitions during the 1950s which allowed artists such as Wright to exhibit regularly and with maximum exposure.

By 1955 Wright's future as a sculptor of international standing seemed assured. He exhibited 17 works at the Modern Art in Yorkshire exhibition, alongside such artists as Eduardo Paolozzi, Kenneth Armitage and Elisabeth Frink The British Council took an interest, and invited him to be in a Younger British Sculptors exhibition that toured Sweden in 1956. Although artists such as Reg Butler, Lynn Chadwick and Geoffrey Clarke were exhibiting with Wright, the critic Charles Sewter wrote: "It would not be outrageous to claim that Austin Wright is the most gifted sculptor working in Britain today."

The British Council also took Wright's work to the São Paulo Biennale. In the same year that Ben Nicholson secured the painting prize, Wright was awarded the sculpture prize for a small lead figurative group, The Argument.

Yet Wright chose to continue working at home and without assistants, instead of promoting his work in London and beyond. He exhibited his work rarely outside the northern counties, preferring to remain in Yorkshire, where he was appointed a Gregory Fellow in Sculpture at Leeds University in 1961, a post he held until 1964.

During this time Wright became interested in making larger, heavier sculptures that evoked the solid, brutal rockfaces of Yorkshire and his holidays in Pembrokeshire. His interest in the human form also deepened, and from this time Wright's work shifted towards an abstraction based on the body. Wright's lead pieces of the 1950s grew in scale, and led to his soaring 10ft-high aluminium works of later years that appear as abstracted vertebraic protrusions into the sky.

In 1982 his importance as a sculptor was acknowledged with a retrospective at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park to mark his 70th birthday. It was a fitting tribute to a sculptor who had been underestimated for too long.

Wright continued to produce work well into his eighties, when poor health curtailed his output. A retro-spective exhibition was held at York City Art Gallery in 1994, and what was to be his last solo show closed at the Hart Gallery, London, in July 1996.

He is survived by his wife. their two daughters and one

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SPEED LIMIT TO-DAY

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distance In anticipation of the new limit most motorists yesterday were obviously moderating their pace, especially in districts where signs are already in position. Some of them did not find it easy to keep their speed down to the level required by the new

regulations.
The Minister of Transport, Mr Hore-Belisha, on Saturday issued the following The purpose of a speed limit is to save the many careful and considerate road users from March 18, 1935

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The introduction of a 30mph speed limit for vehicles travelling in built-up areas was an event of national significance but was by no means everywhere welcomed

the reckless lew. It has never been suggested that motorists as a body are either thoughtless or reckless. The whole of British law is directed against the minority, and the community looks to those in authority to enforce the law in the interest of the majority. The limit is a liberal one for built-up areas. In most of those areas it is impossible to exceed 30 miles an hour, and there need be no. apprehension in the mind of any ordinary motorists who drives with ordinary care.

Every motorist will know whether he is in a

built-up area by observing if there is a system

of street lighting. But in addition signs are

being erected for his further convenience marking the entrances and exits. If in doubt, the safest course is to conform to the limit. Remember that a de-restriction sign is only intended to cancel the speed limit. It does not cancel the need for caution. Neither for that matter, does the figure 30 within a red circle give a permit to drive up to the limit without regard to other traffic. I believe that if the speed limit is observed in the spirit in which it has been imposed it will be a hardship to none and a boon to many.

CAUTIOUS EARLY MORNING MOTORISTS

Early morning motorists to-day were determined to observe the new 30 miles an hour speed limit in built-up areas. Press representatives reported that most of them seemed to be driving at 25 miles an hour and less and as a measure of precaution with the dashboard illuminated to enable them to see

their speedometers. Before midnight cars were travelling along the Victoria Embankment at more than 40 miles an hour. Then Big Ben struck and everything slowed down. Press repre-sentatives who toured various London districts found that drivers were reluctant to overtake other vehicles.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Major and Blair hit campaign trail

■ John Major climbed back onto his soapbox. Tony Blair went vote hunting in the constituency that could put him into Downing Street. After all the speculation, the button for a May I general election had finally been pressed.

The party leaders wasted no time and both were on the campaign trail within hours of the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday morning that Parliament would rise .Pages 1, 2, 3 on Friday....

MPs may fight on immigration

■ West Midland Tory MPs will meet today to discuss whether to defy John Major on immigration and play the race card. They will consider a joint statement condemning Labour Party moves to water down the immigration laws ... Election 97, pages 11-18

Nuns flee mob

Five nuns from a British order fled a mob who looted their clinic at gunpoint in the Albanian town of Korce..

Nuclear defeat

The nuclear industry suffered its first planning defeat when John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, vetoed plans for a key waste-disposal facility..... Page 4

Phone bug allegation The telephones of the former Assistant Chief Constable of Merseyside, Alison Halford, were illegally bugged on a warrant of the Home Secretary, the Euro-

pean Court of Human Rights was

... Page 4 Fire compensation

A firefighter who was insulted and bullied by her male colleagues won £200,000 in one of the biggest sexual discrimination settlements. Tania Clayton, 31. had fought for compensation with her employers for three

Man 'shot lodger'

A husband suffering from impotence shot his lodger for having sex with his wife, the Old Bailey

Eviction threat

Residents of an old people's home are desperately seeking new homes after being given just three days to get out before the bailiffs arrive tomorrow Page 6

Auto-models

Models could soon find themselves replaced by a microchip after scientists devised their own virtual-reality method of showing

off the latest fashions Page 6 Violence increase

Violent crime rose by 11 per cent in England and Wales last year. the biggest increase for seven years. Recorded property crimes continued to fall.

Eagle rescued

A golden eagle rescued from captivity by British soldiers serving in Bosnia is to be released back into the wild in Scotland later this . Page 9

Army chief sacked

Papua New Guinea's army chief was sacked after he had openly challenged the Government's authority over the hiring of a British mercenary force... .. Page 20

Korean hunger Chinese lorry drivers ferrying

grain supplies to North Korea said they had seen corpses of children lying abandoned and described scenes of hunger and deprivation.... Page 21

German optimism

Germany insisted that it would meet the key test for economic and monetary union in time for its launch but Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, acknowledged that it would overshoot the lesser national debt ceiling Page 21

Emergency, the train's too full

■ A guard had an unexpected announcement for commuters forced to squeeze onto a the 7.06 am service from Ashford, Kent, to London Charing Cross. As the train had only four carriages instead of the usual eight, passengers should, he told them, feel free to pull the emergency cord to register their disapproval ...



Diana, Princess of Wales, with Nelson Mandela, the South African President, during a visit to her brother, Charles, in Cape Town

Forsyth saga: The Serious Fraud Office suffered one of its worst defeats when the Court of Appeal overturned the case against Elizabeth Forsyth, one-time aide to Asil ... Page 29

Television bonus: Roger Luard, chief executive of Flextech, will net around £6.8 million from the sale of shares and options in the satellite and cable company...... Page 29 Pearson plans: The media and leisure group, hinted that it would out its 50 per cent stake in Lazard

Markets: The FTSE 100 fell 51.0 to 4,373.3. Sterling fell to 96.1 from 97.2 after falling 3.95 pfennigs to DM2.6817 and 1.44 cents to Page 32

Brothers, the merchant bank, up

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Football: Chris Waddle, the former

England international, returned to the FA Carling Premiership when he joined Sunderland for £75,000 from Bradford CityPage 54 Cricket: Australia survived the loss

of three wickets for seven runs to

win the second Test against South

Africa by two wickets and take a winning lead in the series.Page 56 Rugby union: Apart from their triumph in the five nations' championship France achieved grand slams this season in A internation-

als and at under-21.....Page 53

Rugby league: London Broncos hope to complete the signing of Shaun Edwards from Wigan in time for him to make his debut at Warrington in the Stones Super ... Page 48 League on Friday

There's funny: At the Dormar Warehouse, a new play entitled Badfinger offers an hilarious account of dreamers struggling to make the big time in a small Welsh

. Page 38 Welmar repugnant: A selection of George Grosz's angry, apocalyptic visions of a doomed Berlin between the wars go on show at the Royal Academy... . Page 39

Glasgow changes: Scotland's biggest city is up in arms about Julian Spalding's ambitious plans to reform its museums and art galleries Page 39

Butterfly triumph: Susan Bullock sweeps all before her in the title role of English National Opera's superbly directed Madam Butterfly at the Coliseum

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

Richard Cork talks to

his first show of new

work at a London

dealer's for 20 years

offer the electorate?

David Hockney about

Bright star: The choice of Shake-

speare as his vehicle for movie stardom has singled out Leonardo .. Page 22 DiCaprio. Unrepentant polygamists: Plural

marriage may be illegal in the US but among the Mormon fundamentalists of Utah, it continues toPage 23 Primai risks: Sex may mark the

point when we reach adulthood, but at first it is dangerous. For most of us, our first experience is fraught with tension ...

Worse-off: Changes to protect tenants in commercial premises may

have worsened the position of some ...Page 37 small businesses. Legal medicine: Is it right for the

volved in trying to solve medical dilemmas?... Juries: After their reintroduction some Spaniards wonder whether

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grave error by supporting Mobutu for too long. The Americans made the mistake of playing at pyromaniac firemen by manipulating the "anglophones" against the "francophones". But the Africans are guilt-

The people's test

We intend to question our assums: tions, to go back to first principles to listen to our readers and to revisit the arguments - both for all-change and for none..... Page 25

Preview: Are investigations into

child abuse going too far? Witness-Loss of Innocence (Channel 4.

9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on the alien culture taking over our

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A girl's best chance

If new Labour is interested in opportunity, it should be trying to build bridges between the state and the private sector, not blowing them up.

Label details

To insist that meat should be sold anonymously in order to protect the market looks self-serving and

LIBBY PURVES

The next generation needs to be reminded that even as we all bore the pants off them for the next six weeks with election overkill, something genuinely important is happening. This plodding, tiresome. flawed, irritating democratic process is as vital to our well-being as clean water. If you want proof, watch Albania ...

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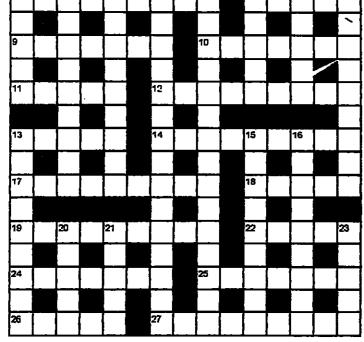
I am sure Mr Major will have some fun with this and that he will come out comfortably the victor in the debates. They could be the turning point of the election. I think Mr Major will still win, to general surprise ... NICHOLAS BUDGEN

Immigration is still an issue. Perhaps it is not so acute as it once was, but a boil will fester, and later burst, if we patronise the people and say that we will not discuss it with them.....

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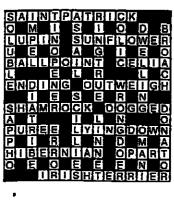
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- I Letting it off may put a joker in bad odour (5.4).
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- II Some prefer a lion in the wild state (5). 12 A French worker, nursing bitter-
- ness, is churlish (9). 2 13 Chord one found in a form of jazz
- 14 Powerless to limit number? It's indefensible (9). 17 Spiced liquor left eight men
- drunk (9). 18 Duck, wife allowed, is a small bird (5).
- 19 Popular success in hotter parts up to that time (9).

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- 22 Fuel transporter loses possible user's first letter (5).
- 24 Take up art in Paris, beginning to paint river (7). 25 Character the others follow (7).
- 26 Old writing instruments, say, rest alongside pen (5). 27 Utopian place for the retired? (9).

- 1 Corpse moved with difficulty (5). 2 Oddly they're in charge, producing prohibitory decree (9).
- 3 County side taken apart by Lanes opener - this'll steady the ship (9). 4 Novel character both of us like
- (3,6,6). 5 Given place in regular army and made to conform (7,4,4).
- 6 Parking behind elevated part of plant (5). 7 Idle endlessly in Pennsylvania
- square (5). 8 Surprise diversion intended, say. for therapy (9).
- 13 Seductive woman needs to work sometimes on hair (9). 15 Go miles on converted coinage
- 16 A short dance initially what we hear is like a stringed instrument
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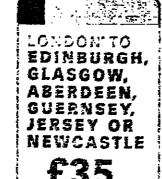
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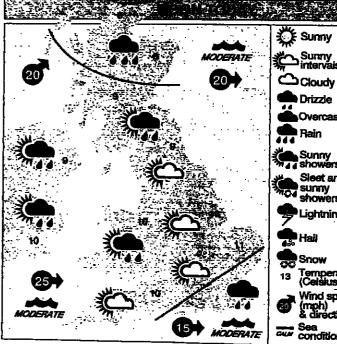
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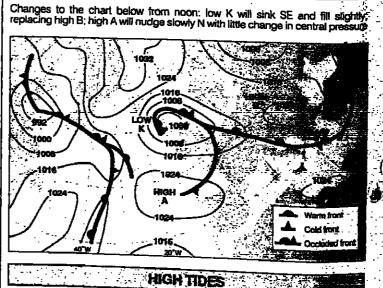
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Lonrho falls as market reacts to

warning By Sarah Cunningham

LONRHO shares fell 8 per cent yesterday after the company gave warning that interim profits could be up to a third down on last year.
The conglomerate said

the decline in profits in the six months to March 31 from last year's £60 million level was because of a combination of factors. It cited the strength of sterling, lower precious metal prices, disappointing earnings from the Ashanti mines, in which it holds a one third stake, and moderate results at its African trading businesses.

The shares fell 12½p to 145p as the market reacted to the latest twist in the Lonrho saga.

A Lonrho spokesman insisted the profit warning was "housekeeping" and en-tirely related to sterling and metal prices. He said that it would have no effect on plans for a demerger of the pan-African trading group.

Further news on the demerger and on the proposed sale of Lonrho's Princess hotels is expected at the company's annual

ETTERS



Morrell: demerger aim

meeting next week. Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi investor, is still the frontrunner for the Princess hotels; but talks appear to have become bogged down. It is thought that Lonrho may also sell its African sugar interests as part of its demerger.

The whole process, unveiled by Dieter Bock, the former chief executive, more than a year ago, has been slowed down by uncertainty over the future of the group's platinum mining operations in South Africa Anglo American, which owns 28 per cent of Lonrho, is being investigated by the European commission over fears that the link is anti-

competitive. In November Dieter Bock, the successor to Tiny Rowland, resigned as chief executive after selling his 18 per cent stake to Anglo American. Last month he stepped down as non-executive director. He was replaced as chief executive by Nicholas Morrell. whose aim is to unbundle the conglomerate.

Pennington, page 31

Elizabeth Forsyth to seek compensation for 'ruined life'

Judges quash conviction of Nadir aide

for 10 months of wrongful

was accompanied by Marga-

ret McAlpine, her 90-year-old

he remains in exile.

outstanding.

THE Serious Fraud Office (SFO) suffered one of its worst defeats yesterday when the Court of Appeal overturned the case against Elizabeth Forsyth, the onetime aide to Asil Nadir.

Mrs Forsyth, 60, who served ten months in prison for handling nearly £400,000 in allegedly stolen funds, promptly accused the SFO of ruining her life, and said that she would press for compensation. She was freed on bail in January after judges ruled that the five-year sentence imposed by Mr Justice Tucker could not be allowed to stand.

The case stemmed from the £1.3 billion collapse of Polly Peck International (PPI), the fruits-to-electronics empire. As chairman of South Audley Management, Mrs Forsyth, a former banker, advised Mr Nadir on his private family interests. She was accused of laundering nearly £400,000 in funds stolen from PPI, during a visit to Switzerland in 1989. The money was used to settle stockbroking fees, and to pay

for cattle on Mr Nadir's farm. and Mr Justice Mance, quashed the conviction, saying that the trial judge had misdirected the jury on two occasions. Further, he was wrong not to allow Mr Nadir to give evidence by video-link mother, along with various

The SFO said that compensa-Mr Nadir is expected to tion was a matter for the renew efforts to have the case Home Office. Sources close to against him dismissed. He the case are understood to be fled Britain in May 1993 while exasperated at a conviction being overturned on a point of awaiting trial on fraud and theft charges, and remains a fugitive. The SFO said that a law. Some spoke privately of "intellectual gymnastics", and warrant for his arrest remains questioned whether any conviction would stand if the Mrs Forsyth launched a same process were to be

scathing attack on the criminal justice process, saying that Mrs Forsyth returned to the the trial judge had ignored the merits of her defence. She UK from northern Cyprus in September 1993 in what some said: "At two vital stages he interpreted as a "stalking virtually directed the jury to horse" manoeuvre by Mr Naconvict. I have no doubt that I dir. She denied this yesterday, would have been acquitted by the jury had the judge not — as was a scapegoat for Asil the Court of Appeal held -Nadir. That is no so. I have summed up so improperly been a scapegoat for the SFO, and for the damage they She added: "The SFO has inflicted on 20,000 Polly Peck shareholders when they raidtried to ruin my life. I hope ed South Audley Managethey shall offer compensation

ment, the private company I ran for Mr Nadir, in 1990." imprisonment. If they don't I shall take legal advice as to Mrs Forsyth alleges that the how to secure appropriate SFO raid was carried out at compensation. the prompting of Michael Mrs Forsyth's costs will be Allcock, the Inland Revenue paid out of central funds. The investigator recently convicted but could top £1 million. Mrs everything that followed was Forsyth posed for photogradesigned to justify the SFO's phers, then sped off in a taxi. initial actions. clutching a copy of her book on the Polly Peck saga. She

The SFO had no comment last night.

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Gas move

Households in Scotland and northeast England will be able to shop around for their gas supply later this year. Page 30

Jobs in Store

Argos, the catalogue retailer that saw profits rise to £141.4 million, expects to create about 1,000 jobs by opening 41 stores in the current year. Page 31, Tempus 32

Lazard sell-off

By Alasdair Murray

PEARSON, the media and leisure group, hinted yesterday that it would put up for sale its 50 per cent stake in Lazard Brothers, the mer-

Marjorie Scardino, chief executive, said that the company, which also owns a small stake in Lazard Freres' operations in Paris and New York. would be reviewing all businesses where it does not have management control. However, Ms Scardino said

that Pearson is not intending to immediately dispose of the company's leisure interests, which include Madame Tussaud's and Alton Towers. or its television businesses. which include Thames TV. Speculation has grown in recent weeks that Pearson may be preparing to sell its television division to a management team led by Greg Dyke, head of TV operations. But Ms Scardino insisted that the company would adopt an evolutionary approach to restructuring, concentrating on improving the company's financial record. Pearson also owns a 4 per

cent stake in BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, and a 6 per cent stake in Société Européenne des Satellites, a satellite company hased in Luxembourg.

The City was disappointed by the lack of detail in the company's plans, and its shares fell 18 p to 756 p. Pearson also unveiled an 8

per cent rise in operating profits to £281 million. Head-line profits, excluding tax, fell 30 per cent to £181 million. including the £100 million charge for improper accounting at Penguin Books. The total dividend was lifted 9 per cent to 18p, with a final 11.1p payable on June o.

Pearson said it does not expect any more charges from Penguin despite speculation that book retailers in the United States might take legal action against the company. The company also announced international expan-

million over five years.

Pearson hints at | Flextech chief cashes in | IBM pays staff on TV venture with BBC

By Alasdair Murray

ROGER LUARD, chief executive of Flextech, will net around £6.8 million from the sale of shares and options in the satellite and cable television company, which yester-day unveiled details of a jointventure digital television deal with the BBC.

Mr Luard, who is selling 600,000 options and 306,000 shares, has also been awarded a £250,000 bonus for the completion of the BBC deal. He said that this was the first opportunity to cash his options for several years but that he would continue to own around 50 per cent of his original holding. Flextech is to link up with

the BBC to create a jointowned company which will launch eight new subscription channels aimed at the digital television market.

The BBC will provide programming and scheduling expertise while Flextech, which is majority owned by Tele-Communications Internationsion of the Financial Times al, will contribute up to £130 newspaper, investing £100 million, primarily in loan facilities, towards the venture. Pennington, page 31 | The new channels will have

preferential access to the BBC's archives under the

terms of the 30-year deal. They are expected to include Horizons, which will focus on areas such as science, natural history and documentaries; Style, which will draw on consumer programmes; an arts-based Arena channel and One-TV, a Radio One themed music channel.

In a second joint venture deal Flextech and the BBC will take joint control of UK Gold, the classic television



Luard: to net £6.8m

satellite channel. Flextech is offering to buy out Pearson. BBC Worldwide, the co-owners, in an all-paper deal that values UK Gold and UK

£370 million, including debt. The channels were launched five years ago. Bob Phillis, deputy director of the BBC, said the joint ventures involved no risk to the licence payer and that revenues would be ploughed back into terrestrial scheduling. Channels branded with

the BBC name would not

Living, its sister channel, at

carry advertising, he said. Adam Singer, president and chief operating officer of Tele-Communications International, said the BBC deal, combined with prospective link-ups in the Americas. could be worth \$1 billion in revenue to the BBC over the next few years.

Flextech also announced a full-year loss of £16.8 million last year, compared with £16.9 million in 1995. Turnover increased by 87 per cent to £65 million. Flextech shares fell

record bonus

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK,

IBM, the computer com- ployees at a time when IBM pany, is paying a record \$1.2 around the world as part of an incentive scheme that has few equals in international business. The company's 241,000 financial health.

employees will receive an average of \$4,979, or about 10 per cent of the average pay for a US worker. In practice, the bonus money will not be evenly distributed. Payments are linked not only to IBM's overall performance but to the performance of each business unit and each employee.

The bonuses of Louis Gerstner, IBM chairman, and four other top executives will be

IBM last year had record sales of \$75.9 billion and made profits of \$5.9 billion. The bonus payout therefore soaks up about 20 per cent of the group's earnings, making it one of the most generous of any industrial

Mr Gerstner initiated the bonus programme in 1992 in an attempt to motivate em-

was encountering severe financial problems, with falling ation. Since then, IBM has recovered much of its market position and has returned to An IBM spokesman said:

The whole idea is to recognize employees for their hard work. It's linked to how they do, how the business unit does and how the overall corporation does." Customer satisfaction is also considered. Large incentive payments

are relatively common in the computer industry, where intense competition has forced managements to place a heavy emphasis on employee performance. Microsoft traditionally pays moderate base salaries but gives employees shares in the company. The rise in its share price during the last few years has created many millionaires among its employees.

At Intel, the computer chip maker, employees receive about a third of their salary in bonus payments. Last year the company paid out \$821 million

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BUNZL, the paper and plastics group, lifted pre-tax profits 7 per cent to £113.5 million last year, in spite of a

sharp fall in prices. Earnings rose 6 per cent to 16.4p a

share. The final dividend, payable on July 1, is 4.1p,

making a total of 6.3p and an increase of 9 per cent on the

previous year. The company said that sales of continuing operations rose 5 per cent to £1.58 billion, lifting operating

Bunzl said that it increased sales, profits and margins in all continuing operations except fine paper. Performance in that division proved healthy in the UK but overall saw a 15 per

cent profits fall. The company gave warning that the strength of sterling was likely to have an adverse impact on results for

the first half of this year. But overall Bunzl predicted that the company would benefit from organic growth and from acqui-

sitions. At the beginning of last year, Bunzi set aside £150 million for acquisitions. So far, £80 million has been spent.

Bunzl overcomes

paper price falls

profits 11 per cent to £115.6 million.

Emirates deal secures 1,000 Rolls-Royce jobs

Strong sales of taxis helped Manganese Bronze Holdings to increase first-half pre-tax profits by 62 per cent

to £4.1 million. Jamie Borwick, chief executive left, with Hugh Lang, chairman, and Bill Gillespie, the finance director, said that the metal powders business also performed well. The interim dividend rises to 3.5p (2.5p)

Lang opens more areas

for gas competition

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

There is speculation that a

Labour government would at

least delay the introduction of

competition in the supply of

energy, including gas and

Competition in domestic gas

supply in Scotland and the

North East for two million

homes could start in October.

with further phases planned

for the rest of the country

Gas Consumers Council, said:

We still have a long way to

before we are ready for the

national roll-out of domestic

gas competition. In the current

Phase 2 in Kent and Sussex we

are experiencing a number of

site identification and data

Society to

return £45m

to members

DEREK ROBERTS, chair-

man of Yorkshire Building

of improved interest rates

(Gavin Lumsden writes). It was the first full financial

Sue Slipman, director of the

going into next year.

place nationally by next year.

Competition was introduced

in the South West of England

last year and extended to

Somerset, Avon, Kent and

Yesterday Labour said that

competition should not be

rushed and that the mistakes

of the three trial areas must be heeded. In the South West

there were complaints about

aggressive selling by some

independent gas suppliers and incorrect final bills from Brit-

ish Gas. John Battle, Shadow

Energy Minister, said: "Why

have they announced it with

so little warning either to the

industry or, this close to a

general election, the opposi-

5 per cent in value, with Brent

Cross in London rising 14.5

two shopping centres achieved growth of 2-5 per cent but

underlying values fell. In Can-

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Sussex this year.

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT

ROLLS-ROYCE yesterday signed a £350 million deal that secures at least 1,000 jobs and opens up big new markets for the Trent

Sir Ralph Robins, Rolls-Royce chairman. signed the contract with Emirates Airline for engines to power up to 23 of its new Airbus A330 twin jets. The agreement means that Emirates will become the first major interna-

News Corp

makes US

acquisition

The News Corporation is acquiring Heritage Media Corporation, a US market-

ing services company, for \$754 million. Heritage, based in Dallas, provides

in-store marketing prod-ucts and services for super-

markets and drug stores.

News Corp. parent com-pany of The Times, said it

intended to sell the six

television stations and 24

radio stations owned by

Heritage. Rupert Murdoch, chair-

man and chief executive of News Corp. said Heritage

would complement FSI, a subsidiary that publishes

free-standing promotional inserts in the United

States. It produces more

than 60 million weekly

inserts, which are distrib-

uted in more than 600

Sunday newspapers throughout the country.

Astec BSR, the electronic

components distributor, outsmarted stiff market

conditions last year to

make record pre-tax profits of £33.9 million (£28.1

million). The company said it avoided a direct hit

from the slowdown in the

personal computer market

by investing £33 million in higher-margin new prod-

ucts. While turnover rose

HOUSEHOLDS in Scot-

land and northeast England

will be able to shop around

for their gas supply later

ment yesterday opened up

Board of Trade, said the

move would make available

savings of about 20 per cent

on British Gas's standard

tariffs, representing an average cut in gas bills of £65 a

homes in Britain are able to

choose their gas supplier

and, according to a timeta-

ble drawn up by the Office

of Gas Supply, the deregu-

lated market should be in

WEAK real estate markets in

France and Canada kept the lid

on asset growth at Ham-

merson, the property group, which saw the value of its

investments rise less than 2 per

sale of investments, fell 6 per cent to £60.6 million. Ham-

Pre-tax profits, excluding the

cent last year.

two million

Already

Ian Lang. President of the

the areas for competition.

5.1 per cent, earnings were up 17 per cent to 8.55p a share. The dividend is 1.8p (1.5p) with a final 1.17p, due on June 10.

Emess ahead

Emess said strong growth

in the consumer lighting

division offset difficult conditions in 1996. It re-

ported a rise in pre-tax

profits to £9.2 million (£8.3

million) on turnover of £178 million (£165 million).

Earnings rose to 13p a

share (0.9p). The company, which did not pay an interim dividend, is pay-

ing a 0.4p final dividend.

The 1995 total was 0.2p.

Sterling post

Sterling Publishing has

completed its new man-

agement team with the

appointment of Derek

Watson as its new finance

director. Mr Watson was

involved in the privatisa-

tion of London Buses and

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Scottish Amicable, the mu-

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tional airline operating both Airbus and Boeing jets powered only by Rolls-Royce engines. The decision by Emirates will be closely watched by other airlines, especially after British Airways suffered problems with the General Electric GE90 engines used to power its long-range fleet of Boeing 777s. Three of the aircraft in BA's fleet have been withdrawn from long haul transat-

lantic service. Rolls-Royce broke into the highly competitive but lucrative Middle East market for the "big twins" in 1995 when Emirates placed orders for Trent 800 series engines for its Boeing 777 fleet. The airline has chosen Rolls-Royce Trent 700s for its A330s, which will form the backbone of its short and medium haul services throughout Asia and the former Soviet Union.

Emirates now has a fleet of ten Airbus A310-300s, six Airbus A300-600s and three Boeing 77/s. Another four Boeing 777s will join the fleet from next month and the new Airbus A330-200s will be delivered from 1999 to replace the existing Airbus fleet. The two contracts mean Rolls-Royce, which will produce the engines at factories in Derby, Sunderland and Glasgow, will be the sole engine supplier to Emirates within the next five years.

Rolls-Royce is now attempting to expand into the developing market for big twin-engined aircraft in America and the Emirates deal will have given an important fillip during detailed negotiations

British Aerospace has a 20 per cent share in the Airbus consortium, allowing Britain a powerful and economically important voice in the fast expanding region.

buy cruise line in

The deal is in partnership with Carnival Cruises, the US cruise operator that has a 29 per cent Airtours stake.

The buyers, who will each take 50 per cent of the company, have agreed the transfer of 58.9 per cent of the issued ordinary share capital so far. The deal is expected to be completed in June, enhancing Airtours earnings in the short

When Airtours declared its interest at the end of last year, Costa Crociere was valued at £181 million. The fall in price reflects the strength of the pound against the lire in 1997. Costa Crociere, based in Genoa, started as an exporter of olive oil to the US. It is listed on the Milan stock exchange and runs eight ships in the Mediterranean during the summer and the Caribbean during the winter.Nicola Costa will con-

the last audited financial year. hoped to increase occupancy

Costa draws 85 per cent of its customers from France, Italy, Germany and the US; the cruises are more upmarket than those already offered by Airtours. Mr Byrne said Costa would be marketed in the UK. but added: "We are not going to

AIRTOURS, the holiday company, confirmed yesterday that it is to buy Costa Crociere, Europe's leading cruise line, in a joint venture deal worth £168

tinue as chairman of Costa.

Tim Byrne, deputy finance director, said Costa has debts of £350 million. It had net assets of £167 million in 1995. when it made a pre-tax profit of £16.8 million. He said Airtours

business.

Airtours to joint deal

rates on Costa ships, which currently lag those of Carnival by about a third.

Regulatory approval from the European Commission is pending. Mr Byrne said it was unlikely that there would be a

£10.57 million, forms part of a

major overhaul of the busi-

ness being implemented by Stuart Wallis. Appointed

chairman in October to revive

the group. Mr Wallis has

identified serious flaws in a

number of key areas.

Sorrell's £3.1m shares MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive of WPP, picked up free shares worth E3.15 million yesterday, as a slight fall in the advertising group's share price failed to jeopardise the second down-payment on his £28 million incentive scheme. Market conditions yesterday knocked WPP's shares down 3p to 269½ p. If they dip below 265p, Mr Sorrell will have to wait for at least another three months for the third of his four share tranches, which would bring the running total of his paper fortune to £9.3 million. He is currently on course to receive the payment on May 22. Alexon revival goes on ALEXON, the women's fashion retailer, unveiled a leap in pre-tax profits, but still decided not to pay a dividend. After three years in the red, it returned to profit in 1995 after a bank refinancing. It confirmed its recovery yesterday when it revealed that in the year to January 25 it made a pre-tax profit

sales grew 12.1 per cent last year and are ahead for all five of the group's brands in the first six weeks of this year. Rexam in £175m deal

of £10.1 million from £3 million a year earlier. Like-for-like

REXAM, the packaging group, was yesterday celebrating a £175 million contract with Allegiance Healthcare that it claimed as the biggest in healthcare packaging. The deal, over seven years, extends Rexam's long-term partnership with Allegiance, based in Illinois. Rexam, which works for a range of industries. is the global leader in healthcare packaging with annual sales worth £180 million in medical and pharmaceutical products.

APS profits higher

AMERICAN PORT SERVICES, whose directors include Luke Johnson, the City dealmaker, reported pro forma pre-tax profits sharply higher at £8.6 million on sales that almost quadrupled to £35.6 million. The company was enlarged last year through the £21 million acquisition of Hobelmann, a US port operator. It has also bought Johnson Controls Aviation Services. A final dividend of 1.36p makes the total 2.0p a share (2.5p).

Dmatek cuts losses

LOSSES at Dmatek, the Israeli company whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market, retreated last year after the Swedish prison service bought its electronic tagging system. The company reported a post-tax loss of \$1.9 million on sales of \$5.6 million. The 1995 deficit was \$3.5 million. The Swedish worth \$2.7 million, reducing second-half losse \$150,000. The company hopes its quality-control technology for the printing industry will grow significantly in 1997.

SIB 'cancellation' review

THE Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the City watchdog, is reviewing the way investors are informed of their rights to cancel investments. The SIB claims that the current method can cause some investors to cancel without realising what they are doing. It estimates that changing the cancellation rules will save the industry around £500,000 a year. The new rules will affect unit trusts, Peps, life insurance products and open-ended investment companies.

Burger sales recover

BEEFBURGER sales have recovered to pre-BSE levels, said-Gowrings, the Burger King franchisee. The company said restaurant sales have started the current year in line with the early weeks of 1996, before consumers took fright over possible adverse health effects of eating beef. Gowrings, which also has two Ford motor dealerships, reported 1996 pre-tax profits of £718,000 (£811,000). Earnings were 4.4p a share (6.66p). The dividend rises to 3p from 2.75p with a 2p final.

Monument at the double

MONUMENT OIL AND GAS more than doubled its production in the year to December, but profits were heldback by commissioning problems at Liverpool Bay. The exploration company produced an average of 14,500 barrels per day compared with 6,900 in 1995 and operating profit rose from £7.1 million to £18 million. However, pre-tax profits increased by only 4 per cent to £12.4 million as a result of a rise in the interest bill from £1.5 million to £9.2 million.

New titles lift MediaKey

MEDIAKEY, the owner of Video Arts, the training company founded by John Cleese, reported a £2.3 million pre-tax profit for the 15 months to the end of 1996, on sales of £16.6 million. The company, which acquired Video Arts and Marshall Editions when it floated on the stock market in January last year, said no meaningful comparison could be made with 1995. MediaKey said new video titles had boosted sales. A final dividend of 0.75p on May 30 makes a 1.125p total.

National, AMP Society The dividend is 11.2p merson's net asset value rose and Prudential. 3.2 per cent to 388p per share. (10.n5p) after adjusted earn-The UK retail portfolio grew ings of 15.6p (15.3p). ANNOUNCING INVESTMENT *OPPORTUNITY* THAT'S CURRENTLY UNDERVALUED Market-Eye is recognised as the best ② Real-time limit alerts on all prices, market information service you can get volume, high, low and news stories and now for a limited period, you can sub-@ NEW enhanced news coverage, data FREE HARDWARE' From only £54 per month for the SAVE UP TO £395 UFFE services or £83 per month for the full service (plus VAT and exchange tees) Offer ands 30th April 1997

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Yorkshire Group seeks alliances

By MARTIN BARROW

Society, yesterday announced YORKSHIRE GROUP, the struggling chemicals compre-tax profits had nearly halved to £43.2 million last pany, is in talks with a year as the mutual lender number of potential partners returned £45 million to its with a view to forming alliances that would embrace its 650,000 members in the form core operations. The company also announced it will sell its Australian operations.

problems when consumers

switch supplier. These need to

be ironed out before competi-

industry regulator for permission to bring its prices down in

the South West after losing a

20 per cent share of the market

The consultation period ends on Thursday with a

decision possible just after

Easter. Crucial to the regula-

tor's decision will be whether

she thinks a competitive mai

Of the 500,000 homes in the

region, 96,460 have left British

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ket has been established.

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British Gas has asked the

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to competitors.

year since the society restated its commitment to mutuality. Mr Roberts said on average £50,000 interest-only mortgage borrowers had paid £200 less with Yorkshire compared with other building societies. Savers with a similar balance in a 90-day account had been £300 better off, he said. As a result Yorkshire attracted £414 million in savings, bringing bal-ances to a record £4.12 billion. and saw net lending jump 47

per cent to £624 million. Yorkshire's net interest margin, the difference between its savings and mortgage rate. fell from 1.95 per cent to 1.28 per cent, 64 per cent lower than the average of the five societies converting to banks.



Wallis: identified flaws

He said that Yorkshire's product range and geographic spread was too diverse and The strategic review, anlacked strategic direction. The core UK operations required greater marketing and techni-cal input, while the information systems need a major overhaul. Discussions with a number of potential partners are under way, he added. Results for 1996 included a £10.3 million charge against restructuring. Operating profits from continuing operations improved to £13.9 million

were 0.2p a share (16.4p earnings). The total dividend is lifted 5.8 per cent to 9.1p a share, with a 6.2p final.

from EILII million on turn-

over that rose to £132.2 million

from £124.2 million. Losses

Receivers cut Scottish Pride jobs as milk business is sold

By Sarah Cunningham

NEARLY 190 jobs have been cut at Scottish Pride by its receivers, who have sold its fresh milk business to Robert Wiseman Dairies, its main rival, for £4.8 million.

Wiseman is buying seven depots and the Fresh in Low low-fat milk brand and it will preserve 120 jobs. It will also have a 75 per cent share of the Scottish fresh milk market.

However, 189 jobs will be lost with the closure of Scottish Pride's depot in Glasgow. The cuts are in addition to another 156 redundancies when Scot-

tish Pride was put into receivership with (40 million of debts last month.

The money raised from this sale will all go to creditors rather than to Scottish Pride shareholders, who must wait to see how much the receivers can raise from the sale of the rest of the business.

A first attempt by Wiseman to huy the whole Scottish Pride business was frustrated by a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The MMC conditionally cleared the purchase of the fresh milk

division, but while Wixeman argued about what it considered overly onerous conditions, Scottish Pride lost two big contracts and KPMG was called in as receiver. The company's shares were suspended at 42½ p.

KPMG expects to name a huyer for Scottish Pride's longlife milk and cheese businesses next month.

Wiseman plans to raise £12.2 million through a placing and open offer to fund the acquisition and to make further investments.

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BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT The Annual General Meeting of Bayer Aktiengesellschaft will be held on 30th April, 1997 in Cologne. Payment of a Dividend of 34% for the year 1996 will be

Copies of the Company's Annual Report for 1998 in English will be available from SBC Warburg. United Kingdom Shareholders who wish to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting should by 22nd April 1997, inform SBC Warburg, Paying Agency, 1 High Timber Street, London SC4, who will make the necessary arrangements on their behalf.

Under Section 125 of the Under Section 125 of the German Companies Act, the Board of Management is only obliged to provide information on proposets and nominations that may be made by shareholders if the parties concerned prove their standing as shareholders in good time.

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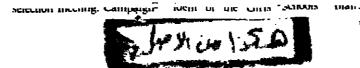
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☐ IT IS a journalistic tradition

that the honorific Mr. Ms or whatever is omitted on three

occasions. Two are for sports-men and pop stars, to avoid inherent ridiculousness — "Mr

Asil Nadir has been Nadir ever since his aircraft lifted off

of guilt, as it seemed, by fleeing to one of the few places on earth

from which he could not be

extradited. Now his lawyers hope that one day he will become

Mr Nadir again.
This would be a reversal of

fortunes to outdo even yes-terday's freeing of Elizabeth For-

syth, his former aide, in probably the most damaging defeat yet for the SFO. True, Mr

Justice Tucker, the trial judge, came off worse. His misdirection

of the jury on whether Ms Forsyth knew or should have

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Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glaxo Wellcome, has made a profit of £1.29 million after exercising share options in the company worth £3.1 million. Sir Richard bought 395,000 shares at between 486p and 833p apiece and sold almost three quarters of them at £11.14 apiece.

☐ The Forsyth, Nadir saga ☐ Giving Pearson time to change ☐ Lonrho's latest little upset

What's in an honorific?

Jagger's on-stage gyrations, Mr Shearer's rasping left-foot vol-ley. The other is for those accused or convicted of criminal peal ruled it out of all proportion to the offence. Plainly it was, especially by contrast with the community service order given to Roger Levitt after so many of his investors had lost their shirts. for northern Cyprus almost four The suspicion was that they could not get to Nadir, so his stooge would have to do.

What no one had expected was years ago. This reflects both the charges laid against him by the Serious Fraud Office of fraud and the transfer and his clear admission

for Ms Forsyth to be deemed innocent all along, with a sound grounding for a case for damages for wrongful imprisonment. This paves the way, given a few more successful rolls of the dice in court, for Nadir to return. He may not be back for Christmas 1997, but he should have enough time still to arrange a decent millennium bash.

The argument will be that it was Michael Allcock, the tax man recently convicted for corruption, who undermined the entire Polly Peck empire, and the raid he instigated in 1990 that caused the share price collapse. As Mr Allcock is clearly a tainted source, the proceedings against Nadir are equally tainted.

regarded as unsafe. We had all expected Ms For-Furthermore, the Forsyth case syth's five-year sentence to be failed on appeal; if she did not reduced, after the Court of Aphandle stolen cash, then perhaps

the cash was not stolen. Stranger conclusions have been reached in the courts. Unless Allcock appeals ... but some things do not bear thinking about. So a case against Nadir could start off with a heavy handicap, a thought doubtless even now

doing the rounds of the SFO.
His flight to Cyprus can be painted as no admission of guilt. but a desperate attempt to avoid a trial he knew would be loaded against him, founded as it was on the actions of Allcock. Nadir left the country secretly in a light aircraft; he could arrive back on

a scheduled flight. That's Mr Nadir, to you.

Scardino's last stand

☐ TEXANS have a reputation for stubbornness — the Alamo, and all that — and Marjorie Scardino was not going to be stampeded into promising much just 49 days into the job at Pearson. The City has a reputation for impatience. The stage was set for a splendid clash of cultures, as questions about



were met with polite non-answers. So guess which way the Pearson share price went? This is all rather unfair. The

City has put up with Pearson's chronic underperformance for half a decade, according to the figures presented by Ms Scardino herself yesterday. Although institutions would plainly have backed a break-up bid, especially last support when the charge last summer when the share price was heading towards £6, none emerged.

If one argues, as many an alysts are starting to, that a bidder has by now missed the boat, there is no urgency to sell the parts of Pearson that must clearly go. Instead there is the time to improve their performance to a point when they raise more for shareholders.

On Ms Scardino's analysis. revenue increases that never exceeded 6 per cent and operating margins averaging less than 10 per cent during that period have been inadequate for the high-growth business Pearson aspires to be. The reason has been the existence most years of a Mindscape, for example, to drag the overall performance down.

Mindscape can now be sold, along with various minority television interests probably including the remaining BSkyB stake. Lazards will go to the only possible purchaser, the management. The leisure attractions will stay for now, even if the only core businesses longer-term must be the TV side under Greg Dyke, assuming he stays, and the Financial Times.

And Ms Scardino has probbly won herself enough time. Probably, because the arrival of that break-up bid this spring would provide the City with its most difficult choice since Forte/Granada. Support a relatively new management that has not had the time to live up to its potential, or take the money? A pity we are unlikely to see the institutions skewered on that particular moral dilemma.

A matter of faith

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☐ ANOTHER sprawling business in dire need of dismemberment gave the market the benefit of a trading update yesterday. Actually, dismemberment without anaesthetic is probably too kind a fate for Lonrho, which never fails to surprise — and never pleasantly. The profits warning was a relatively minor matter, gently pointing Lonrho analysis towards one or two things they might have omitted to notice if they had failed to switch on their screens for a few months, such as the strength of the pound and lousy metal

Lonrho being Lonrho, of course, the share price reacted by falling nearly 10 per cent. There are still two main obstacles to the much-desired demerger, a sale of Princess Hotels and an untangling of the EC dispute over Anglo American's 28 per cent in Lonrho. This is not strictly speaking any of Lonrho's business, being a final legacy of the unlamented Dieter Bock, who sold his IS per cent stake to the South Africans, triggering EC South Africans, triggering EC concern over control of the world's supply of platinum. A ruling is due on May 8.

Before that could come a sale of the hotels to Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the favourite to buy, whose ardour may or may not be cooling. All this achieved, demerger would be on target to begin in the autumn. Sticking in until then might seem to require a great deal of faith from Lonrho's shareholders. But faith, from the days of Tiny Rowland through the Bock interregnum and on to more sober times today, is something of which they have never been short.

Labouring the point

□ LABOUR is bad for your shares — official. Robert Fleming says the stock market has fallen under every Labour government, and another fall could coincide with the coming election. But this is no matter of cause and effect, Fleming admits — events in 1929 were beyond anyone's control. In fact the only clear link is high inflation, which is bad for equities, if not for company profits and house prices.

Openings in store as Argos recovers

By Sarah Cunningham

TRADING at Argos has recovered after a poor auturn, the catalogue retailer revealed yesterday, and it is to forge ahead with a record number of store openings in the next year. These should create about 1,000 jobs.

Argos opened 38 stores last vear, including seven superstores. This year the company will open 41 stores. including 12 superstores and four outlets in the Republic

> **Profits** doubled at Avis

Avis Europe, the car rental group that is coming to the stock market next month, more than doubled pre-tax profits to £57 million (£26.1 million) last year. The results confirm its prospectus forecast and include a £47.6 million gain on redeeming shareholder debt.

The company said that it is on course to maintain its 7.2 per cent rise in revenue. which reached £512 million last year. It is raising about £238 million to bring its debt to a manage-able level and will be

Cornhill fall

Profits at Cornhill Insur-ance, the UK arm of Allianz, fell 16 per cent to £61.6 million in 1996, from £73.5 million. Ray Treen. chief executive, blamed the fall on increased competi-tion. The biggest fall in profits was sustained in general insurance, from £46 million to £30 million. Life insurance profits fell from £6.9 million to £5.9

Sykes sells

ten of its smaller stores, giving a year-end total of 435.

Next year will see its first stores outside the British Isles, with five openings due in The Netherlands. Setting up the Dutch operation will cost £5 million this year.

Pre-tax profit in the year ended December 28 was £141.4 million, compared with £124.4 million a year ago.

The company was cautious about prospects for the sector tor the rest of the aecad despite the improvement in consumer confidence last year. Sir Richard Lloyd, chairman, forecast low growth in the sector and increased competition.

Argos issued a profit warning in January after sales flattened in October and November. A pick-up in December led to 5 per cent like-for-like growth in the third quarter. That rate has now increased to about 7 per cent.

Mike Smith, the chief executive, said that congestion in the stores and a slim offering of the computer and software products that were Christmas best-sellers had hit Argos's

The company's three key markets — toys, electricals and jewellery — had all been relatively weak over Christmas but Argos managed to increase its market share in each, he said.

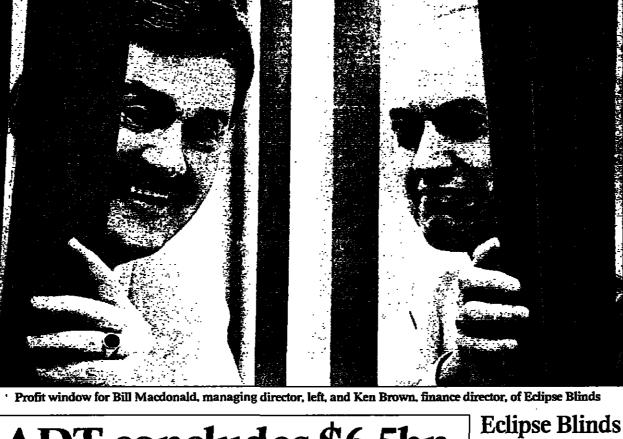
The company is planning to hire more temporary staff ahead of Christmas this year and it may add more computers and computer games to its catalogue.

The company is holding back from rolling out its new First Stop discount stores, which it is testing in three locations. It is planning to see if sales growth responds to further investment on local advertising.

Trevor Green, currently managing director of Argos Distributors, is to take on responsibility for strategic and new business development. Among new areas to be studied are the development of a telephone ordering service for the Argos catalogue, and further down the line, moving

into other foreign markets. Earnings per share increased from 27.5p to 32.5p. The final dividend of 10.7p. from 9p, payable on May 22, gives a full-year dividend of 16p. up from 13p.

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ADT concludes \$6.5bn merger deal with Tyco

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

ADT, the largest home security company in Britain and America, has agreed to a \$6.5 billion merger deal with Tyco International in an attempt to defeat a lower hostile bid by

Western Resources. The all-shares deal with Tyco values ADT shares at \$29 each, compared with the \$22.50 per share offer from Western, the Kansas energy

сотралу. Michael Ashcroft, chairman of ADT, said: "This is a great deal for ADT shareholders." His shares in the company will be valued at nearly \$350

BY ADAM JONES

property market helped Wil-

son Bowden, the house-builder and developer, to

record pre-tax profits of E41

It also contributed to a

sharp revival at Tay Homes,

the developer and builder

that increased first-half prof-

its from £251,000 to £4.1

million on sales 20 per cent

David Wilson, the Wilson

Bowden chairman and chief

executive, said 1997 is seeing

higher pricing of new houses

now that the increased trade

in the second-hand market has restored confidence in

Wilson's £41 million was

38.5 per cent up on the £29.6

million it made in 1995. It

was helped by a nine-month

contribution from Trench-

erwood, the housebuilder

based in Newbury, Berk-

In total, Wilson sold 2,509

homes, against 1,916 in 1995,

at an average price of

£106,000, up from £100,000.

About 60 per cent of the new

homes were in the South of England, where the com-

shire, bought last year.

home ownership.

higher at £49.9 million.

million last year.

Tyco, a maker of industrial and commercial products, is the largest fire protection company in America. The merged companies will co-sell and cobrand their services, achieving cost savings in the first year of \$50 million.

The merger would help both companies, which have both been growing at about 20 per cent a year, to grow faster, Mr Asheroft said.

ADT shareholders will be given a 36 per cent stake in the new company, which will be called Tyco and will take over ADT's London stock market listing. ADT has revenues of

Wilson: higher prices

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tributed profits of £9.7 million.

An increased final dividend of

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Tay Homes was helped by a

£28 million profit on the sale

of a subsidiary. The company

sold 631 homes in the six

months to the end of 1996, at

an average price of £77,300.

The interim dividend was

increased to 1.7p (1.55p).

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\$1.5 billion and Tyco has revenues of \$6.5 billion. It will combine ADT's 230 offices in 10 countries with Tyco's 300 fire safety offices in more than 50 countries.

Although Mr Ashcroft will be an independent director he does not plan to have a day-today role in the running of the company. "I want to develop some of my other ventures,"

Western Resources, which was instrumental in defeating an earlier merger agreed be-tween ADT and Republic Industries, is considering whether to increase its offer.

TT ready to spend on acquisitions

By Alasdair Murray

TT GROUP, the engineering company, is looking to spend up to £150 million this year on bolt-on acquisitions.

John Newman, chairman,

said that the company is considering a number of possible purchases, but added that with sale prices rising ahead of the general election. it was content to be patient. Mr Newman's comments

came as TT unveiled a 19 per cent increase in profits, excluding tax, to £53.5 million. TT said that around 15 per cent of this increase had come from organic growth. Mr Newman said that

order books in the first part of this year were running ahead of forecasts and the company was confident of continued growth.

The upbeat statement helped shares in the company to rise 122p to 3472p. Overall turnover rose by 8.5

per cent to £520 million and the total dividend was increased by 16 per cent to 7.59p. The electronic components division increased profits by 14 per cent to £27.5 million and

the industrial division's in-

creased by nearly 30 per cent to £15.5 million. A final dividend of 4.79p is payable on May 22.

ECC dives into the red and cuts dividend

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

WRITEDOWNS and restructuring charges plunged Eng-lish China Clays £42.9 million into the red last year and prompted a 25 per cent cut in the total dividend.

Losses were 18.83p a share for the year (21.04p earnings). The final dividend is reduced to 7p (11.2p), reducing the total to 12.5p (16.7p).

The chemicals and minerals

group, which took one-off charges of £95 million in 1996. said it had passed the worst of its trading cycle and was optimistic of improving for-

tunes this year. Of the exceptional costs it bore in the year to the end of December, £57.8 million related to kaolin reserves in Middle Georgia. In 1995 pre-tax profits were £95.1 million.

industry and tighter margins on chemical sales combined to drag the operating profits ECLIPSE BLINDS, the supplier of window blinds, down 37 per cent to £65.6 million. The company set aside £10.1 million to restructure its European minerals and North American chemi-

dividend rises

increased 1996 pre-tax profits to £6.3 million from £4.5

million on turnover that

rose to £41.6 million from

£35.39 million. Earnings

were 9.7p a share (7.62p).

The total dividend is in-

creased to 3p a share from

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cals operations. ECC said it was committed to maximising the cash flow from its minerals businesses and restoring the value of the speciality chemicals operations. It said the outlook for performance minerals was encouraging while cost reduc-tions in chemicals were aiding margin recovery. North America was already showing hopeful signs, the company said, with a recovery in mineral volumes for the paper industry in the recent bidding round. Forward orders were improving, ECC said.

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Helphire to raise £5.5m

HELPHIRE GROUP, a car hire and repair specialist based in Bath, is seekfrom a stock market flotation next week.

The company is placing six million shares at 100p. capitalising it at £16.3 mil-lion. Williams de Broe is acting as sponsor, financial adviser and broker. Dealing is expected to begin on Monday.

Helphire reported pretax profits of £346,000 in the year to March 31.

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Pre-election nerves take 51 points off the index fingers crossed hoping

ment bonds fell sharply as investors faced up to the prospect of a drawn-out general election campaign ahead of polling day on May 1.

The uncertainty that will be generated by such a campaign will prove a drag on sentiment and may undermine confidence. That was clearly visible on the foreign exchange, where the pound gave up some of its recent gains.

Robert Fleming Securities added fuel to the fire by warning that a Labour Party victory could see the stock market fall by as much as 15 per cent by autumn, taking the index back to the 3,800 level. Research by Flemings showed that when Labour came to power in May 1929 it was greeted by the Crash. Between then and October 1931 it fell by 20 per cent.

During the Labour Administration after the Second World War, the market fell by 3.5 per cent and during Octo-ber 1964 and June 1970 it fell by 10 per cent. The last time a Labour Government was in power, between February 1974 and May 1979, the fall was also 10 per cent.

Chris Chaitow at Flemings says: "Labour has been bad for the stock market in actual terms because inflation has tended to be high."

Shares generally closed just above their low for the day. with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 51.0 down at 4,373.3 in thin trading that saw just 733 million shares change hands. The election may have already been factored into the price in London, but renewed weakness on Wall Street. where there is persistent talk of a rise in interest rates. proved unsettling.

The market also had to contend with a long list of companies going ex-dividend among the top 100. It was the equivalent of a 22-point fall at the start of business.

They included HSBC. down 43p at £15.41 (26p), BAT Industries, 24¹2p lower at 516n (20n). Cadbury 516p (20p), **Cadbury** Schweppes, 11¹2p off at 542¹2p (l2p), GKN, 4212p easier at 2912p cheaper at £11.10 (2212p). and Zeneca. 32p lighter at E17.9312 (Z212P).

A profits downgrading left ICI lo¹2p down at 731¹2p. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, is worried about the strong pound and its impact on an



Rolls-Royce shares dipped despite Emirates' £350m order

It has cut its profit forecast for the current year by £50 million to £590 million and for 1998 by £60 million to £710 million. Kleinwort has also reduced its recommendation from a

hold" to a "sell" The absence of any concrete news on planned disposals left Pearson 1712p off at 75012p. There was no extra charge on top of the £100 million already

et aside for Penguin in the

US. These were the first

results overseen by Marjorie

Scardino, the new chief execu-

tive, and showed profits 8 per

Rolls-Royce was dragged

lower with the rest of the

market, finishing 512p off at

243p, despite being awarded a

£350 million contract to supply Emirates, the Middle East

airline, with engines for a fleet

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LONRHO: STRONG POUND

cent higher at £281 million.

of new Airbuses. It takes the total spend by Emirates on British engines in recent years to E700 million.

ADT, the security group, soared 27212p to £16.10 on the back of its \$5.6 billion merger with Tyco International. The deal tops a rival offer of \$3.5 billion from Western Resources. Earlier attempts by ADT to merge with Republic

sea Village firmed 3p to Former high-flyer Tadpole Technology has come back to earth Better than expected trading with a bump, touching 2012 p before ending the session ip down news was good for Astec at a new low of 22 2p. This time there are fears about a possible (BSR), 6p dearer at 148p, but slump in US sales. There is little to cheer shareholders short-Gowrings dropped 5p to 9812p after it disclosed a fall in term, who have seen the price plunge from a peak of πp . profits.

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Smiths Industries, up 312p at

826p, and Weir Group, 2p

A profits warning left

Lonrho 1212p down at 145p.

The group says pre-tax profits

for the first six months could

be down as much as one third on last year's £60 million. The

group blamed the effects of a

Growing fears that new-comer Sunderland may face

demotion left the shares nurs-

ing a loss of 35p at 61712p. It

followed Sunday's 6-2 thrash-

ing by Chelsea at Stamford

Bridge, leaving it just six off

the bottom. AiM-quoted Chel-

beat a hasty retreat in the

bond market after the election

date was known. Prices fell by

up to El at the longer end as

Industries ended in failure. Brokers came away from the post results meeting with English China Clays in a bearish frame of mind, leaving the price 8p cheaper at 2071 ap. The group, as expected, plunged into the red with

FT-SE all-share

the market faced up to a period of uncertainty. The market also had to contend with the effects of losses of £43 million after continuing profit-taking on restructuring charges total-ling £10 million and writesterling, which pulled bonds lower, and a deterioration in downs worth a further £85 German bunds late in the day. The June series of the long

gilt fell E2532 to E11038 as the total number of contracts completed reached 92,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was

£2732 off at £1031316, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £516 lower at £1031132. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares were lower at midday as the 30-year bond yield climbed towards 7 per cent and high-techs were sold off. Nervousness about the fate of interest rates predominated. The Dow Jones industrial average was 48.72 points lower at 6.886.74.

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Cracks in the clay

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to see in September but it has taken another six months to wield the axe. Even before the massive £80 million writedown of the US kaolin operations, the company's operating profits of £65 million were hardly enough to sustain a £51 million dividend. But the question remains: are they enough to sustain

even the proposed payout of £38 million? Having thrown everything but the kitchen sink into these figures, the management was yesterday attempting to paint quite a rosy picture of the outlook. English China Clays paid too much for its US kaolin operations back in 1990. That is not the fault of the current chief executive - although it is unclear why the write-downs were not included in the September restructuring.

SURE enough, English China Clays has cut its dividend. The warnings were there for all course, make it easier for the company to generate profits from the business and yesterday's trading statement suggests the paper market (the main buyer of Middle

Georgia kaolin) is looking up.
Even so, English China Clays is not in the clear as supplies of kaolin are increasing by 4 to5 per cent per annum, mainly because of new investments in Brazil, while consumption grows by less than the rate of the US. economy. That can only mean more price erosion and justifies the company's aggressive crackdown on costs. English China Clays reckons it can afford the payout as capex is coming down. They may be right; at this level of profits, returns are too low to justify investing. Shareholders are better off pocket-

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Argos

ARGOS is good at gloom. Despite its attempt to dress up Santa as the grim reaper, the retailer's shares hit a peak of nearly 800p in the autumn before falling to nearly 600p in January when the company issued a profit warning.

Three months later, trading has recovered, and Argos is back in favour. This time, investors should pay more attention, even though the warning relates not to Argos but the retail sector in general. Despite growth in consumer confidence, Argos reckons the underlying economy suggests low growth in the retail sector for the rest of this decade.

This is not pessimism but realism as Argos sees little reason for a return of the spending spree of the Eighties. Even with such low

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Hammerson

HAMMERSON had little bad news to report but not much good news either, another indication of just how slow is the recovery for big commercial property investors. Headlines about big prices paid for shopping centres do little to help Hammerson even though 58 per cent of the portfolio is in

retail property Why should that be so? The answer is that Hammerson still has too much money tied up in offices. In the UK, the company generates £39 million from renting office buildings but if the space was relet today it would earn 39 per cent less from those buildings. Leases may be long and secured with sound tenants but property valuers rightly

unlikely to grow for years. Hammerson has some desirable assets, principally Brent Cross, which grew in double digits, but abroad, its retail strength is not showing

to advantage. The company splashed out in France, buying shopping centres in the hope of locking into a quick recovery only to find that the French have not lost their ability to resist economic medicine when it is not to their liking

In a patchy property recov-ery, it pays to be in the right patch. Hence the weaker performance of the broad investment plays, such as MEPC, Hammerson and Land Securities. With eggs in so many baskets, performance can look dull and the chances of it all coming right at once are slim. Hammerson is more focused than it has been for years but it may not be enough.

Trocadero

NICK LESLAU and Nigel Wray, the Burford boys behind the Trocadero, do a fine line in juggling. Occasionally, one of the balls falls to the ground. Segaworld, the electronic theme park joint ven-

ture, turned out to be nowt but an overpriced penny arcade. Unfazed, Leslau points to new attractions: the Rainforest café, a 3-D cinema and the Giant Drop, another ride in the Luna Park mode. Noddy is the wild card; the Enid Blyton character could make it big in the US. Then again, he might not.

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To be fair, the Troc's backers have admitted the problems with queues at Segaworld and put them squarely in Sega's lap; the Japanese company manages the operation but will lose control if it fails to make £6 million profits in 29 months.

But none of this tells us whether the Troc is a good investment Capital employed in this leisure business must be over £100 million but profits are negligible. Viewed as a property investment, it may way but the whole point of the Troc was trading opportunities. The shares are option money.

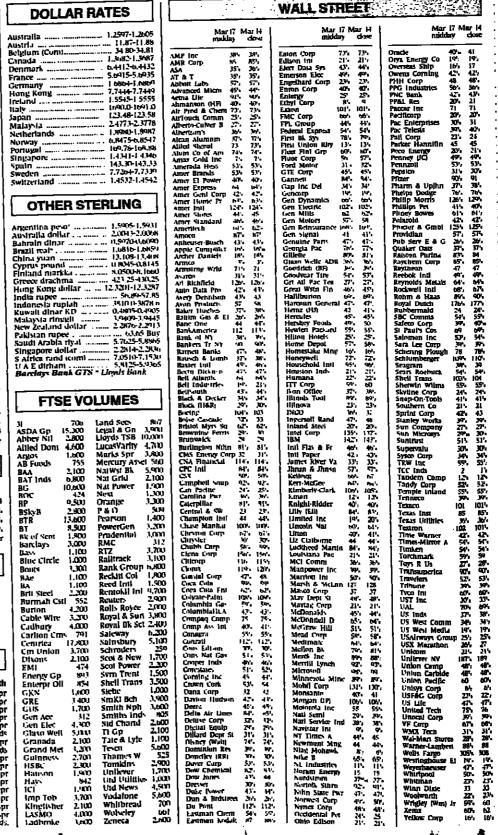
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The politics of publication

THE Institute of Directors has had its nose put out of joint by the CBI's decision to switch the publication date of its news-grabbing quarterly trends survey.

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"Blast them," was the reaction from one irate loD staffer on hearing the news that the CBI's showstealing survey will be published on the same day as its annual conference. Meanwhile, with the conference due to be held only eight days before the gen-eral election, the IoD took the decision some time ago not to give house room to

any politicians. Whether its president, Lord Young of Graffham, former head of Cable and Wireless, and before that a Conservative Cabinet minister, will be able to rein in his normal gung-ho sup-port for the Tories is another thing.

Taste of the US

NEWS that Nick Leslau is to take Noddy to the United States is not a total surprise. The chief executive of Trocadero is a lover of all things American not least his wife. Writing in Food For Thought - a collection of favoured eating habits from 40 capins of the property industry, to be published next month in aid of Centrepoint — Leslau waxes eloquent over the "American breakfast at home. Before taking his children to Sunday School, he spends an hour, with no less care than would be employed in a major development pro-ject", preparing eggs, toast, fruit, pancakes and lashing of maple syrup.



future of Body Shop

Body amour

FIGHTING talk from Anita Roddick, who insists the Body Shop will never be taken over. In a TV interview to be shown on EBN this coming weekend, the founder and chief executive of the beauty emporium says: "No-body's going to take over the Body Shop. It's so difficult, so emotional, with the intimacies of the franchisees. It's a bit like taking over a marital agreement." Particularly when your husband is

Fine memories

KIT JEBENS, the ex-army officer who took command of the now-defunct Lautro, has sent me a reminder of when sheriffs ruled. In A Pioneer Regulator (1986-1994) Jebens recalls the quaint theory that, if his charges broke the rules, they got hammered. The roll call of fines includes: Norwich (£300,000); J Rothschild Assurance (£100,000); Legal & General (£180,000) and Aegon (£225,000). Nowadays, to the consum-er at least, it appears that anything goes.

Staff protection

NWSA is dipping its toe into the £77 million black hole at NatWest Markets. The NatWest staff unionis calling for a halt to the continual push for performance-led rewards. NWSA wants a guarantee that staff elsewhere in the group will be compensated for the "inevitable loss to their reward as a result of this situation".

MORAG PRESTON

Business greets polling date with relief and equanimity

Philip Bassett and Janet Bush find industry's leaders cool as the election

begins in earnest

USINESS responded coolly yesterday to the starting gun for the 1997 general election. Faced with the prospect of a six-week election campaign, leaders squared their shoulders and braced themselves for politics wholly subsuming business and the economy.

The pre-election phony war has been running for so long that business, like everyone else, has been operating on an election footing for a good while. Indeed, the Confederation of British Industry published its pre-election manifesto for business as long ago as last July. As one business leader put it yesterday: "We have been anticipating this for 18 months. So all I can say now is thank God it's finally here."

Yet, at the same time, British business recognises that the May I election will be of crucial importance. Dr Ian Peters, Deputy Director-General of the British Chambers of Commerce, says it will be the "most important election for British business for decades" - a recognition by business that, realistically, for the first time since 1974, this will be an election

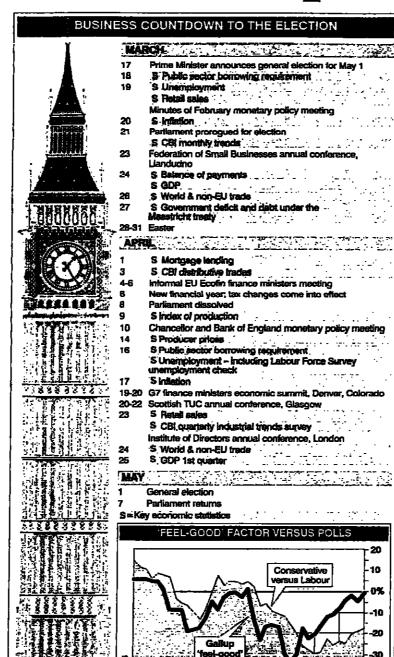
in which more than one side can win. The CBI said that it would be looking for a "constructive" debate on the key issues for business - including maintaining macroeconomic stability, low inflation and the single currency. The CBI's spring quarterly industrial trends survey, due eight days before polling day, will be a vital business and economic indicator late in the campaign.

The Institute of Directors will stage its annual conference on the same day, breaking years of tradition by not including politicians among the business leaders from Microsoft, WH Smith, British Airways and others who are due to speak.

The loD will stress its political neutrality. Conservatives who look to business to maintain its traditional support for the party see such moves as, at best, an insurance policy in the event of a Labour victory, and at worst as something close to betrayal.

Business leaders agree the economy will be a key electoral battle and Conservative strategists hope to benefit from a string of economic announcements over the period of the campaign. Economic headlines during the campaign are expected to be mildly positive. Inflation is expected to fall, as well as headline unemployment, and, come April, voters will see the benefits of last November's tax cuts in their wage packets, although, with the average taxpayer only £150 a year better off, the amounts involved are relatively small.

There is widespread confidence that the economic background to the election, as well as prospects for the next couple of years, are relatively benign, with steady, non-inflationary growth in prospect. The latest Treasury compilation of nearly 50 independent fore-



casts, all almost certain to assume a Labour victory, scarcely constitutes a doomsday scenario.

The consensus prediction for growth this year is 3.3 per cent, falling only slightly to around 2.8 per cent in 1998. Underlying inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, is expected to end this year at around 2.7 per cent, a touch above the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less, and recently adopted by Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor. By the end of 1998 inflation is expected to have risen a

Forecasts for interest rates - those bell-wethers of a government's competence in pursuing stable and sustainable growth — are expected to rise to 7 per cent by the end of this year, from 6 per cent now, and to stay there through 1998. This speaks neither of a return to tax-and-spend profligacy by a Labour government after 18 years in the political wilderness, nor of a rampant 1980s-style consumer boom let loose by a government way behind in the

opinion polls and desperate for electoral rehabilitation.

Equal credit for the market's equanimity goes to Gordon Brown and to Kenneth Clarke. The Shadow Chancellor has gone out of his way to pledge himself to a broad fiscal and monetary framework indistinguishable from the one laid out by the current Government. Mr Brown has committed himself to a tough inflation target and to the same spending plans as Mr may be widespread cynicism about whether the spending plans — tight in the extreme - can be met but that applies to a government of either

For his part Mr Clarke has, unlike some illustrious predecessors, resisted the temptation of pump-priming the economy for electoral purposes. He has been responsible with fiscal policy and, for all the intensity of the debate about Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, he cannot be accused of being electoral ends.

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The City believes that taxes will have to be raised in the years ahead to ensure that the public finances continue to return to health but there is no sense that a dramatic fiscal tightening is needed. Base rates are expected to be raised shortly after the election — whichever party wins — but the necessary increase is expected to be extremely modest.

All this should be positive for the Government but, as the accompanying chart shows, a huge gap has opened between the level of "feel-good" among voters and the opinion polls. Mr Clarke has never tired of telling the electorate that Britain faces the best economic prospects for a generation but this has not translated into greater support for

The City has traditionally responded to the idea of a Labour government with unadulterated gloom and, sure enough, the financial markets indulged in a momentary wobble yesterday. But the truth is that the markets are confident that New Labour has genuinely cast off the sins of its past and that the economy will not develop much differently whether there is a Labour or a Conservative victory.

The only development that would really worry investors would be a sharp narrowing of the polls during the campaign, posing the risk of a hung Parliament and all the associated uncertainty, though on current poll trends that looks unlikely.

Poll evidence suggests that business leaders are less sure about the outcome of the election than the voters generally. Yesterday a survey of executives in some 250 businesses, employing 1.4 million staff, saw half of the industrialists sampled hoping for a Labour victory, either alone or with Liberal Democrat support — a result seized upon by Tony Blair as a "remarkable" endorsement by business of the changes wrought under his leadership.

ut other, longer-run business poll evidence is more guarded, showing most managers still supporting the Conservatives, with more than 40 per cent of the vote - though that support has dwindled markedly since the 1992 election. It showed, too, marked stability of business support for Labour among a section of the electorate that has traditionally backed the Conservatives.

William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Alistair Darling, his Labour Shadow, are both in the City this morning at a Bloomberg seminar, spelling out their parties' respective pitches for business support. Business has now had a good chance to look at Labour, as well as the Conservatives, and is far from daunted

Indeed, business leaders acknowledge privately that if they had to sum up the view from industry and services of the outcome of the election campaign, it is this: that if Labour wins, business wants to influence its policies and steer them in its direction; that in spite of polls such as yesterday's, business still doesn't want Labour to win; but that, in line with the polls generally, business thinks that Labour s going to win. We may not much like " says one key business leader, "but that's how it's looking."



Tories rely on dated theory

over rapid growth, falling unemployment, rising living stan-dards and the healthiest economy in Europe will be booted out by an ungrateful

The Conservatives have always believed that such a possibility defied the laws of human nature. People might claim they were angry bout the Government's incompetence, they might express disgust with ministerial arrogance and dishonesty, they might say that they want to pay more taxes for health, education or transport; but when the big day finally arrived they ould not be voting with their mouths, they would be voting with their wallets. In the final analysis, people would be motivated by their own material interests, and on that basis the Tories were

bound to win. The Tories may still convince the voters that Labour rule will cost them £30 billion, or some other nightmarish figure. But if the Tories lose, the theory of 'economic determinism" which has dominated British politics for decades will have to be junked once and for all. The idea that election

results can be confidently predicted by forecasting economic variables such as personal incomes is not merely an insult to the intelligence of the voters, it is also factually untrue. Despite frequent claims by political pundits and financial analysts to have discovered a foolproof formula for predicting election results on the basis of wages, mortgage rates, house prices, unemployment or any combination of the above, no statistically reliable correlation has ever been found between economics and

This is a point I made frequently on these pages after 1992, when it began to look rather likely that the British economy would enjoy a long period of good economic performance, but that Mr Major's political fortunes would go from bad to worse. However, in spite of all the evidence, economic determinism holds most politicians in its thrall. It is worth considering, therefore, why it seems to be failing in 1997. First, there is the possibili-

ty that the economy is not really doing all that well. Mr Major may claim that Europe is not working and that Britain is now the "enterprise centre" of the universe, but he should consider the following statistic as he downs a pint of Guinness to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The Republic of Ireland has been growing at 6 per cent annually for the past three years, compared with Britain's 2 per cent. As a result, the Republic's per capita income "will soon exceed Britain's for the first time since the Dark Ages", to quote a recent paper by David Hale, the chief economist of Zurich Insurance.

Another reason for the Government's failure to capitalise on good economic performance may be the monetarist conventional wisdom that governments can do nothing to increase growth or employment. In my view, this conventional wisdom is misguided; government macroeconomic policy can have huge economic consequences, for good or ill. But, ironically, the Tories may have been so successful at promoting their laisser faire doctrines that they cannot now claim the credit for economic

nother possible reason for the diver-A gence between economics and politics is more interesting and more important. People may simply be less materialistic than the pundits assume. People are swayed not just by money, but also by qualities such as leadership, honesty and fairness. Opinion polis also show that voters are willing to pay more taxes if they believe that the money will be spent on improving health, education, transport and other services

Nonsense, say the cynics, people just say they are altruistic to pollsters, but they always vote for lower taxes in the privacy of the polling booth. Perhaps, but how do the cynics know that voters are so materialistic? Their only real evidence that people lie to the pollsters is that the Tories keep getting re-elected. What, then, will the cynics say if Labour wins?

Hope for Nadir after SFO is trampled by 'stalking horse'

remembered as the woman who introduced fashion to serious fraud trials. Roger Levitt had his bow tie. Kevin and lan Maxwell had their City slicker suits. But no one could match Asil Nadir's former adviser, with her coat, gloves and flamboyant neck scarves. Mrs Forsyth turned up at

Bow Street Magistrates court in central London in September 1994 little realising what lay in store. She had returned from northern Cyprus a month earlier to be inter-viewed by the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and was quietly confident. I was just an employee," she would tell you. "So much was going on at Polly Peck International (PPI) in those days, and besides, Middle Eastern people had a funny way of doing things." Others saw a more cynical

motive in her return. She was there, it was said, to test the waters for Mr Nadir. This was the "stalking horse" theory. If Mrs Forsyth walked free, Mr Nadir would be swift to follow. Two-and-a-half years later,

the "plan", if there ever was one, appears to be back on track. Yesterday's ruling in the Court of Appeal is about as damning towards the trial judge, Mr Justice Tucker, and implicitly towards the SFO, as a ruling is ever likely to be. Lord Justice Beldam, sitting with Mrs Justice Bracewell and Mr Justice Mance, spare no quarter in their annihilation of the Forsyth prosecution.

The appeal ruling makes much of two bit-players in the Polly Peck drama - John Turner, the former group chief accountant, and Jason Davies. Jon Ashworth on the implications

of Forsyth's successful appeal



Asil Nadir will press for charges against him to be dropped

the stockbroker who supposedly assisted Mrs Forsyth. Mr Turner was originally due to stand trial alongside Mr Nadir, but the SFO decided not to proceed against him after Mr Nadir fled the UK in May 1993, It was felt that he could simply have pinned everything on his absent co-defendant, significantly reducing the likelihood

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involved." Plausible enough, although

of a successful prosecution. So why Mrs Forsyth? As the ruling says: "On its face, it seems a strange decision to press home the prosecution against one who appears to have been involved at short notice in assisting in an isolated transaction on the fringe of an immense misuse of company funds, and at the same

nal responsibility the group chief accountant alleged to have been more closely, extensively and frequently

the SFO would argue that the Forsyth case was strong enough to stand by itself. The Jason Davies point is

more obtuse. During its deliberations, the Forsyth jury sent the judge a note, asking why Mr Davies had not been called by the defence. Much had been made of his role in helping Mrs Forsyth handle nearly £400,000 in stolen funds during her visit to Switzerland in 1989. Why was he not there to put his side of the story? Mr Davies was

no intention of attending the Central Criminal Court. The ruling criticises Mr Jus-

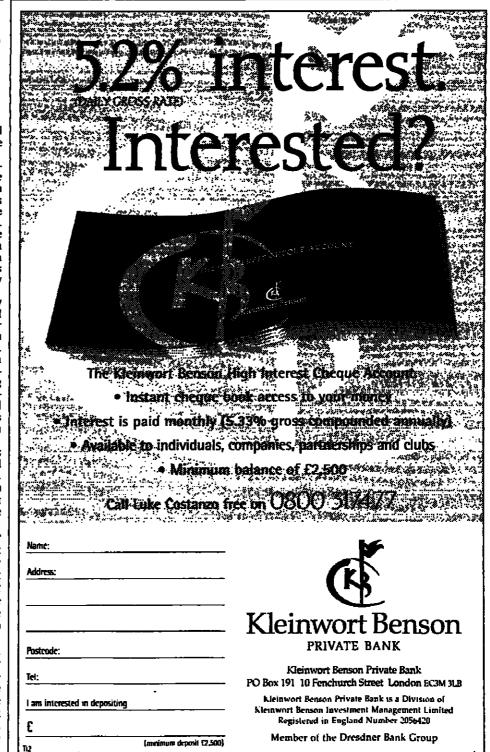
tice Tucker for not giving the jury the usual guidance in dealing with absent witnesses - that they must decide the case on the evidence heard. Without it, the jury might have read something suspicious in Mr Davies's absence and been less inclined to believe Mrs Forsyth's account of the money The appeal court judges say

Mr Justice Tucker "plainly fell into error" in not allowing Mr Nadir to give evidence from northern Cyprus by video link. They further accuse him of a 'material misdirection" in telling the jury that suspecting something was stolen and turning a blind eye to it was as good as believing it to be so. This could have tipped the scales in avour of a guilty verdict.

Whatever, Mrs Forsyth is now free and vindicated, and Mr Nadir is claiming victory. His lawyers are expected to press for the charges against him to be dropped, clearing the way for his return to Britain.

All well and good — but for one thing. The SFO is adamant that the case against Mr Nadir goes on. The charges against him - 13 counts alleging theft and false accounting - are quite distinct from those in the Forsyth trial. The case has no wider application. To the public, the Forsyth

outcome spells fresh disaster for the SFO. Its overall prosecution rate is good, but it is the high-profile failures that are remembered. Rosalind Wright will be intensely aware of this when she succeeds George Staple as director on April 21.



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firms export boost By Iola Smith

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GRANT aid is assisting 13 brewing equipment. This combusinesses from rural Wales to break into export markets. The £50,000 that the companies will share will finance feasibility studies, sales promotions, market research and the translation

of brochures. "The awards are of particular benefit to small companies who need an injection of cash to augment their own export resources," says Bethan Jones, of the Mid

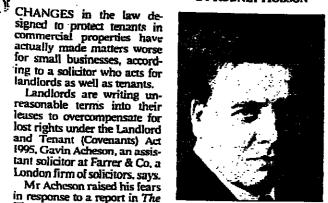
Wales Export Association. In the past the aid has enabled rural companies to attract £2 million worth of

extra export business. The 1997 winners include Aber Instruments, the Aberystwyth University spin-off company which designs

Landlords accused of acting unreasonably

Legal changes to protect business tenants 'flawed'

By Rodney Hobson



landiords as well as tenants.

Times on March 4 of the case

of Sue Gallagher, a Learning-

ton Spa restaurant owner who

had to pay her landlord's legal fees of £1,000 in order to

assign the lease to new

force in January last year, was

intended to remove the liabil-

ity of tenants for unpaid rent

for the whole term of a lease,

even if the lease was reas-

signed several times. The ex-

isting law meant that previous

tenants could be forced to pay

Mr Acheson says: The philosophy behind the Act was

that it is inequitable for ten-

ants, and particularly busi-ness tenants, to remain liable

under tenant covenants after

the point at which they are no

longer able to procure compli-

ance with those covenants."

philosophy of the Act.

Business Bulletin

figures for last year, which

Barclays says showed a fall in

"mainstream" start-ups and a

rise in closures. Mainstream

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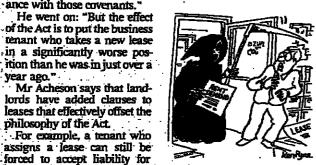
The Act, which came into

Acheson: tenants worse off

The second tenant, in turn. will be unable to reassign the lease unless he or she accepts liability for the following

The proportion of new leases of 20 years or more fell from 70 per cent in the late 1980s to 30 per cent in 1995," Mr Acheson says. "Leases of ten years or less now account for a third of the market. Leases for small businessmen and shopkeepers are generally for still shorter terms. Since most tenants seek to assign only after five to seven years of occupation, the original tenant is going to remain directly liable for the full term of the

Although landlords cannot unreasonably refuse to allow a



"Oh no! It's the landlord!"

lease to be assigned to a new tenant, they can impose severe financial and other preconditions that have to be met.

Mr Acheson says that he has seen leases that stipulate that a new tenant must have audited accounts showing profits as high as five times the rent, plus insurance and service charge. Some even require the new tenant to have net assets of ten times the rent. Some landlords can also refuse to allow leases to be assigned if there has been any breach of covenant by the

tenant.

Mr Acheson says: "Leases can contain 20 pages of tenant's covenants. It is inevitable that there will have been some footling breach of covenant," While large companies may be able to resist the more onerous clauses, small businesses have little option but to sign, he adds,

The most serious change in the law, Mr Acheson says, is that where a tenant believes a landlord is being unreasonable the burden of proof has been shifted from the landlord to the tenant. The tenant can almost cer

tainly not afford to pursue proceedings given the likely prohibitive cost and the uncertainty of the outcome." he says. "The potential consequences of losing the deal, which may involve the sale of the tenant's business, including goodwill built up in years of trading, will be so serious that the tenant will in practice have no choice but to comply with the landlord's demands. He went on: "If the small

shopkeeper cannot assign his lease, he will be unable, in many cases, to sell his business because goodwill, particularly in the case of shops, attaches to the



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Margaret Elam says locals appreciate the personal touch but is concerned that the petrol price war is threatening the wellbeing of her business

Old-fashioned service fuels family venture

MOTORISTS in rural areas of northeast England have to drive longer than average self-service garage. distances to work and to go shopping. Belsay garage, on the A68 between Newcastle upon Tyne and Jedburgh. provides an essential attendant service for customers.

Margaret Elam, the garage owner, had been working in the filling station business for 15 years before setting up on her own. Before that she had been employed as a secretary so she was trained in office and accountancy work.

"I actually left the office on maternity leave," she said. "But I had been wanting a change and when I returned to work after the baby I got a job as a console operator in a

She enjoyed the contact with the public and decided she wanted to manage a garage herself. From console operating, she progressed to managing the site that she had been working on. "So I had experience from the bottom level for many years before I took the plunge to go it alone," she said.

By this time, she had remarried and her husband lent her £1,000 to lease the newly vacated existing garage premises on the Belsay estate. She said: "So from week one I was able to pay my way and I bought the pumps and fittings outright." The business offers attendant service. Mrs Elam says

the locals appreciate this and in a country community there is still a demand for it. "The locals are very supportive and there is good passing trade on this highway, especially in the holiday periods with the tourists," she said. "The garage is opposite one of the surviving village shops in the county so customers can stop for a

The business has subsidiary sales in plants, crafts, fuel (coal, logs and kindling), motor accessories and confectionery. Mrs Elam's son, now 21, is employed almost full-time on the forecourt and her teenage daughter works during the holidays. But, the petrol price war has hit the private garage business very hard.

"The big oil companies will no longer deal with small garages because we don't have a big enough turnover," she said. "I have to buy my petrol and diesel from an independent distributor, which in my case is WCF — West Cumberland Farmers."

She has been worried about last November's Budget and its implications for motorists

Minister and to Tony Blair and her local MP about it. The decision to raise duty on petrol by 3p a litre and diesel by 1p hits independent ga-rages like mine very hard," she said. "As well as increasing travelling costs for motorists everywhere, the cost of freight transport has inevitably risen. This has a knock-on effect on services in rural areas and, if I am forced to close, people who live in the country will lose an important service. This year's turnover has broken even, but 1996 was a tough year. I'll carry on as

and has written to the Prime

Barclays forecasts increase in company start-ups and survivors

By Rodney Hobson

SMALL business start-ups in expect to see business closures England and Wales will rise level off, leading to a 1 per cent increase in the total UK busithis year while closures will ness stock to 3.9 million. level off, Barclays Bank fore-"We expect the growth in the casts. Growth and survival number of small businesses, rates will continue to improve coupled with gradually im-proving survival rates, to lead for the rest of this decade, the bank says in its latest Small to a larger and more mature business stock, well placed to . The forecast contrasts with

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to become the biggest beer market in the world by the

Dulas Limited, the alterna-

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Cwt y Bugail, the family-

owned slate quarry business,

has received a £2,500 grant to

promote Welsh roofing slate

And Chic to Chic, the fash-

ion accessories firm based in

Brecon, has won £1,500 to

develop a new range of hats

and scarves for retail outlets in

France and Germany.

Mr Lavarack is right, about 470,000 mainstream start-ups will be seen this year.

take advantage of the predicted growth in UK economic activity to the year 2000." If

20,000

BUSINESS START-UPS IN 1996

SOUTH EAST

the high turnover of business in the sector, where closures at least equal the number of new The retail sector, which saw businesses. The sector is expected to the greatest number of startperform well, with output

ups in 1996 and accounted for one in five new businesses, forecast to grow by 4 per cent will continue to lead the way. in 1997, but the competitive However, retailers account for nature of the sector means only 10 per cent of all business further rationalisation is likely stock and Mr Lavarack said: and much of the increase in "The over-representation of sales will benefit larger retailing in start-ups reflects retailers." Leisure and personal services, such as sports and

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40,000

EAST ANGLIA

22,000

-11%

GREATER LONDON

54,000 -13%

only 7.5 per cent of existing Mr Lavarack said: "This is an expanding sector of the business stock which has been boosted by increased disposable incomes and more leisure time. In contrast, the construction industry recorded a lower share of start-ups at 8 per cent, compared with the sector's share of the business stock at

health clubs, accounted for

in.5 per cent of last year's start-

ups, although they made up

20 per cent, reflecting the effects of the recession and the subsequent decline in output." Barclays reports increasing business confidence and says that four fifths of new businesses now survive into their second year, compared with three quarters in 1994.

Grants give Welsh Step, the programme that places students in small businesses for eight weeks in the summer holiday, aims to place 1,500 students this year. The scheme, run by Shell UK, has been going for ten years. It gives small businesses a link pany has received £5,000 to with a university and its facilities and allows them to explore launch a sales drive in China - the country that is forecast projects for which they had insufficient time or resources. The DTI has contributed El million to the programme. Students are paid £100 a week, with the host firm paying half. Step 1997: 01635 529125. tive energy company, has obtained £3,000 to win Latin

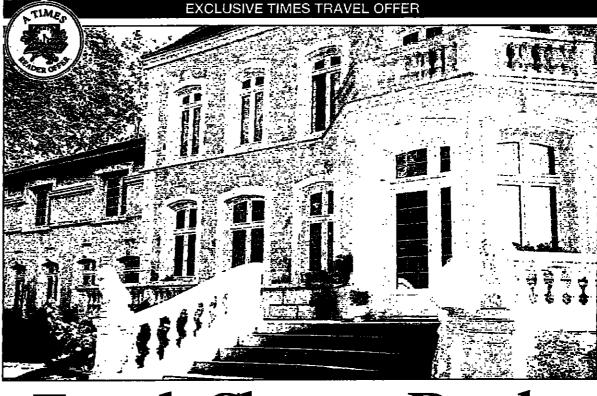
> ☐ The Lloyds Bank Tax Guide has been rewritten for the 1997-98 tax year to take account of self-assessment. The 12th edition, by Sara Williams and John Willman and published on April 3 by Profile Books, costs £7.99.

> ☐ British Chambers of Commerce has produced a free handbook on overseas trade missions. The organisation

will run more than 130 trade missions to 80 countries in 1997-98. Contact: BCC, 4 Westwond House. Westwood Business Park, Coventry CV48HS.

☐ The Department of Trade and industry will next month start offering practical videoconferencing experience to small companies at four Business Link centres as part of its Information Society Initiative. Though computers are being networked by 61 per cent of small husinesses, and e-mail is used by 35 per cent of those with computers, few small businesses use video-conferencing, the ISI has found.

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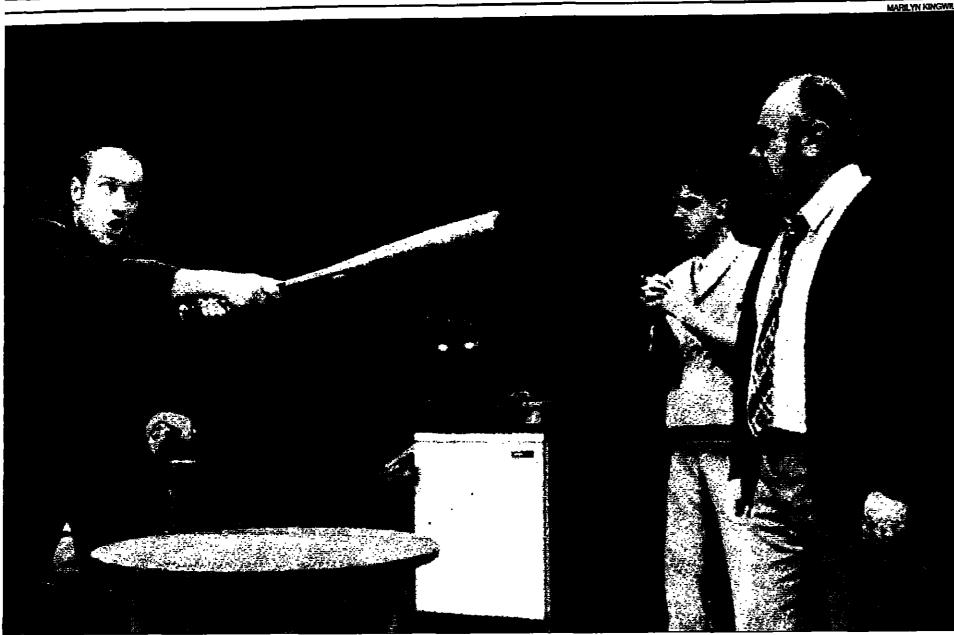
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"A subtle way of rooting characters in their small-town environment": Rhodri Hugh, Jason Hughes and Robert Blythe in Simon Harris's Badfinger, at the Donmar Warehouse

A peak scaled in the Valleys LONDON THEATRE: Jeremy Kingston happily enjoys a rare refuses to say what it is he will This year's Four Cor-

ners season at the Donmar Warehouse Welsh bit, and unhappily endures an unintended French farce has dropped a corner, but its three visiting com-Mamet's American Buffalo, panies are being given twice the amount of time, so that as author Simon Harris is each production will run for probably sick of hearing, and two weeks, give or take a few the bombast mouthed by some previews. Number two in the of his no-hopers adds to the threesome, a Declan Hughes similarity. But, in his first fulllength play, Harris finds a play from Ireland, is an obvisubtle way of rooting his ous candidate for inclusion. characters in their small-town although the same cannot be environment, the Welshness said for the final one. David Eldridge's new play set in El3. emerging through rhythms of West Enders may feel Barking speech just occasionally emphasised by wild repetition. to be just this side of the Siberian wastes, but the choice "We'll be lacerated! Gashed! smacks of parochialism to me. Smashed to smithereens!" one Nothing eccentric about the cries when a moneylender's

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opening production, however: Badfinger is a blisteringly funny account of dreamers struggling for the big time, set in a junk shop in Wales. All right, this setting suggests

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former, social or personal. Meyrick (Robert Blythe) dreams of turning the streetsinger he finds outside a shopping mall into a star, but has to fend off the claims of would-be partners, a ludicrously deranged youth who will fling himself through the shop's window as a quick way in, and a Bible-chanting

come to reclaim a debt.

This sinister villain (Rhodri

Hugh) enters to a fortissimo

burst of satanic music, in a red light, and a measure of Michael Sheen's assured staging is that the production accommodates such operatic touches. In scene changes, and to enhance the thrill of critical moments, the music growls, stutters and shrieks, so that the mood switchbacks between comedy and menace. just as Meyrick's self-confidence hurtles from peak to trough, with stretches of panicky misjudgment in between. He, Hugh and the rest of the cast play expertly together, with Rhys Ilans as a languidly

desperate cadger, Richard

Mylan the anxious window-

sweet-voiced but slow-witted Harris and Sheen are direc-

tors of Thin Language, the producing company working in association with Chepstow Films, their ambition being to develop the quantity of quality Welsh playwriting. Wales has always produced good actors, as Badfinger vividly demon strates, and if Harris can build on this first work Thin Language could find itself enjoying a rich future.

everal years ago I passed a rotten evening at Notting Hill's Gate, reluctantly burdening my mind with The Struggle of the Black Man and the Dogs, where white colonists shot black workers, suffered mysterious wounds in the groin, and solemnly delivered themselves of gnomic utterances. "Better to kill the fox than preach to the hens," was one such, and obviously the author was from France, where audiences tolerate fatuous proverbs, and make cult figures of their

This particular author was Bernard-Marie Koltes, now

dead from Aids, but indeed a

cult figure, although for the

life of me I cannot grasp what

value his dramatic writing

possesses. His In the Solitude

of the Cotton Fields comes to

the Gate trumpeting itself as

"France's most dangerous new

play". Most dait, more like, o

When Patrice Chereau, di-

rector of the film La Reine

Margot, acted in his own

production of the play at

Edinburgh in 1995 a transla-

tion of the French text was

included with the programme.

Most critics, whether or not

they found something good to

say of Chéreau's direction,

rubbished the language, quot-

ing mind-numbing sentences

that zigzagged through ranks

of subordinate clauses in order

to reach some banal conclu-

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hails another. He has some-

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what he is selling: he is named

Client) wants to buy, but

as the Dealer. The other (the

On a dark street one man

most verbally damaged.

buy.
They verbally spar for an hour, walking back and forth along the gutter, forth and back along the paving stones (urban grub meticulously recreated by Timothy Meaker). Kimon Koufogiannis, the translator, director and Dealer, offers anything the Client desires, strangely courteous but firmly evasive. His pale hands open and close like busy

Joseph Lewis's Chent shifty, uneasy, angrier but no less evasive in stating his requirements, even to the point of asserting that he requires nothing. Gay manoeuvres probably served as the origin of the play, but Koltes tries to reach the essence of any exchange, whether of bodily fluids or mental dominance. The language is so abstract I even lost interest counting the cigarette-ends in the gutter.

Using one of the play's rare images, the Client spoke of a boy who gave up his trousers in order to fly, and for a moment my attention was caught. But then the language truck tipped another load of abstractions over me and my interest disappeared beyond

Cruelty comes in all shapes

Luke Clancy reports on a wild and disturbing Dublin theatre festival

Artand staged an invasion of Dublin, back in 1937, he travelled alone and soon found himself locked up in Mountjoy prison and subsequently deported back to France. For his second coming. Artaud has gathered a large number of sympathetic friends in the shape of the increasingly important Bedrock theatre company. True, Artaud is not alive any more, but his often-cited writings have more than made up for that minor shortcoming, sparking this young group of actors, writers and directors to dedicate a month of performances to Marseilles's most influential mental patient.

Bedrock cannot be accused of slavishly following traditional notions of what Artaud's always slippy, even fugitive writings had to say. One of the strengths of Electroshock, the company's Theatre of Cruelty season at the

Project Centre, is that it uses the texts as a springboard for a variety of types of performance. ranging from lightweight mythological comedies to simple story-

telling. The festival programme was designed as a kind of pyramid, coming to a head in the third week with the Irish premiere

of Edward Bond's Early Morning. Before this climax. each evening was made up of several short works, interpreted by various casts.

cluded Heiner Müller's Obituary, and a specially commissioned monologue by Mark O'Rowe, but opened with Jimmy Fay's production of Catastrophe. Fay offered a standard delivery of the author's cartoonish vision of a renearsal for performance, which was never played crisply enough for nastiness and laughter to be thrown. Far better was Jason Byrne's essay at What Where, a taut fragment, snappily played by Ned Dennehy, Tony Flynn and Andrew Bennett. and lit with eerie cathode-ray precision by Lee Davis and

wiched together a number of dramaticules by Müller with a commissioned work by Gavin Kostick. In Forked, Kostick seemed to stay well clear of Artand, offering the imagistic tale of an Ulster newspaper boy with a surprising number of figures from Celtic history and mythology on his round. The piece seemed exactly the sort of conventional literary exercise storytelling with winking topical allusions - which would

ECT to Artaud. Müller's labyrinthine Wa

6 The cast could not The only play

be expected to chomp through real arms

Monty Python. The initial programme in-

Paul Keogan. The writing in these Beckett ieces, succinct, precise and elusive, made an uncomfortable contrast to that of Mark O'Rowe's Anna Ankie. The story of a sadistic snuff-video director and his obsession with a vulnerable young girl's ankle was presumably intended as an ironic examination of gender politics, but instead came across as a decidedly

THE LAST time Antonin nasty, rambling and undigest ed fantasy. Unsteady playing by Patrick Leech and weak, meandering writing from O'Rowe did not help.

The next programme sandhave felt like a nasty dose of

terfront Wasteland Medea Material Landscape with Argonauts offered yet another sumptuous lighting plot, but did not attain even lunatic coherence until a long closing

monologue, con-jured with impressive otherworldy energy by Karl Shiels.

allowed to stand alone was Bond's late 1960s satire, Early Morning. This manic vision of the history of Queen Victoria portrayed as a viciously scheming and legs 9 murderer who

> Florence Nightingale before dying and finding herself in a heaven where cannibalism is the chief pastime, might have been censored from an early episode of

rapes and enslaves

Bond's increasingly deranged drama moves heavily through black comedy and bloody tragedy, and then marches on into a frustrating alternative universe where logic just does not work. Fay's direction of the mammoth ensemble cast coaxed some excellent performances, particularly from Liz Kuti as dizzy, schizophrenic Florence, Mary O'Driscoll as the dangerously self-possessed queen, and Tony Flynn as Len, a scheming yob who starts a rogue for cannibalism.

Where the production was less sure-footed was in its design. The company could hardly be expected to chomp their way through real arms and legs, but the baskets full of red-fringed hunks of shopbloodied mannequin limbs were at once too explicit and too short on visceral impact, leaving an undeniable impression of timidity: not the final impression one would have expected from what was a demanding, courageous and

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significant theatrical event. **CLASSICAL CHOICE** A guide to the best available recordings,

presented in conjunction with Radio 3

PIANO TRIO Reviewed by John Warrack

WHEN Tchaikovsky's patroness Nadezhda von Meck asked him for a Piano Trio, he declined on the grounds that the three instruments did not make a tonal blend. Yet within months he had completed this Trio in memory of Nikolay Rubinstein, making the first of the two long movements one of mourning, and much of the

second a set of variations. This is a work that yields most to artists who can deal with the musical balance: the problems of tonal blend did not go away.

For all the gravity and dignity of their performance. the Borodin Trio, on Chandos, overweight the first movement and their slow tempo gets them into difficulties in holding the music together: moreover, they do not lighten matters sufficiently in the variations. A more sympathetic touch comes from the trio of Yelim Bronlman, Cho-Laing Lin and Gary Hoffman, on Sony. They really listen to one

according to what has been This is in contrast to Vladi-

ing as if each is answering

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mir Ashkenazy, Itzhak Perlman and Lynn Harrell (EMI). three great artists who address themselves more as if to a large public. All the same, and despite a rather assertive performance from Ashkenazy. there is some splendid

playing.
Closest of all to the music, though, is the performance by the Beaux Arts Trio (Phillips 422 400-2, E15.99). They make the cut in the finale which Tchaikovsky sanctioned but otherwise they play everything, and do so with sympathy, warmth and an intelligent appreciation of the work's qualities as well as of its another, and shape the phrasproblems.

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Live, but not as we knew it, Jim

ONCE one of Britain's biggest bands, James now find themselves in somewhat reduced circumstances. At the dawn of the decade they seemed poised to become an English U2 or R.E.M., with a string of memorable hits and an enviable live reputation.

burster and Jason Hughes the authors.

Since then, though, the Mancunian seven-piece have been steadily drifting away from the Zeitgeist. They tired of writing stadium-friendly anthems based around simple three-chord sequences, choosing instead to dabble in amorphous ambient rock and fluid polyrhythms. Singer Tim Booth flirted with acting and spent time in New York, where he recorded a likeable album with soundtrack maestro Angelo Badalamenti last

But, back on tour after a three-year hiatus. Booth's studious and occasionally precious demeanour appears somewhat **POP CONCERT**

James Newport

ill-suited to our post-Oasis rock climate. At their two-thirds full Newport Centre show on Sunday night. James struggled to match past triumphs with lumpy readings of such former classics as Come Home and How Was It For You?

The most warmly received numbers from the band's latest Top Ten album. Whiplash, were those which evoked their catchy singalong past, including Avalanche and the recent single She's a Star. But the set's more left-field midsection proved something of an endurance test, compelling much of the largely

over-thirties crowd to slip out and phone their babysitters. At their best, James appear to summon

all recovery.

up tumultuous natural forces and ride the crests of roaring tidal waves. Such transcendent moments were few at Newport though they eventually arrived as the set climaxed with the lusty gallop of Laid and the soaring swell of Sound. The inevitable grand finale was Sit Down, once so powerful that James stopped playing it to avoid the chantic Pavlovian response it inspired. Tellingly, nobody sat down at Newport, the song provoking a ripple of nostalgic hysteria.

Still impressively wiry and energetic after nearly 15 years in pop. James have embraced their late thirties with style. It is just their music which seems to be developing middle-aged spread.

STEPHEN DALTON

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DAVID Dorlman Dance are beyond belief — which is one of those ambiguous statements that quotation-snatchers can turn to their profit. They arrived for a British tour from New York festooned with awards: wonderful for them, puzzling for me.

David Dorfman is certainly a polymath: he choreographs, acts, composes and plays any number of instruments. With his special guest artist David Froot, he performs a knockabout double act of speech and movement called Job (as in employment) in which two commodity brokers trade human emotions and conceal rivalry under friendly words.

A rope hinding the two men

Metaphor crazy DANCE gives scope for rugs and pratfalls, and

metaphors abound, the profix

dialogue is less than riveting

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satellite TV for all I could tell.

Dorfman's messages about

theme of inter-

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my knees.

David Dorfman labours the Woking

exhaustion. Other clunking

twitches. The costumes with their inappropriate cut-outs were about the

most unflattering I have ever seen and, together with the choreography produced an oddly dehumanising effect, making it impossible to engage with the dancers.

The stressful contours, the awkwardly arched backs and the irrelevant handstands jar

That moment comes in the final piece, Gone Right Back. in which the dancers speak. become immobile and manipulate each other. It might be a depiction of the function of a choreographer and his dancers, it might be about the philosophical concept of free will. Who knows? This was a long evening at

the Rhoda McGaw Theatre, succinctness having gone out of the door along with Woking Dance Umbrella's judgment.



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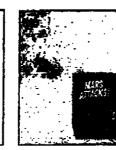
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■ VISUAL ART 2

Philip Harris's stark and unflinching view of mortality is revealed at Beaux Arts

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Poet and painter. Adrian Henri's versatility is displayed in a dazzling show at Whitford Fine Art



VISUAL ART 4

Victor Pasmore, 90 next year, unveils New Etchings and a New Painting' in a London show

VISUAL ART: Fear and loathing in George Grosz's Weimar . . . and in Glasgow's museums. Plus gallery round-up



Skinning the fat cats: George Grosz's bitter Diamond Profiteers in the Café Kaiserhof, 1920

Look back at anger

oon after the German Army discharged him as mentally unstable in May 1917. George Grosz decided that "this epoch is sailing on down to its own destruction ... Just think: wherever you step smells of

The horrors of the First World War clearly contributed to his apocalyptic gloom. Military recall in January 1917 had revived all the traumas of active service two years earlier, when he had been dis-charged after an operation. Now, driven to the edge of insanity by the prospect of returning to the killing fields, Grosz suffered a breakdown and was sent to a mental hospital. "All around me is darkness," he wrote, "and the hours, black like bones. My hatred of men has

grown to enormity."
The threat of madness did not prevent him from channelling his rage and despair into a corrosive drawing called, with bitter irony, The Faith Healers. Surrounded by listless or leering officers, a bespectacled army doctor places an ear trumpet against a skeleton and pronounces him fit for active service. Grosz's pen seems to bite like acid into the paper as he outlines the inanity of the complacent inspectors. Oblivious to the folly involved in sending this putrescent corpse back to battle, they sum up everything Grosz abhorred about the war's disas-

All the same, the Royal Academy's survey of Grosz's most remorseless graphic work proves that his anger did not originate in the war. The exhibition begins in 1912, a year after the 19-year-old graduate of the Dresden Art Academy arrived in Berlin to continue studying. His impatience with authority had already surfaced at school, where Grosz's rebellious behaviour was rewarded with a slap from a teacher. He returned the blow, and was duly expelled. Although the incident was never repeated during his art school years, he learnt how to use art as a far more effective

Draughtsmanship was his forte, and the perpetual energy of Berlin At the Royal Academy, Richard Cork savours the acid rage of George Grosz

sense of

gave him prodigious nourishment. The earliest drawings on view here show how alive Grosz was to the spectacle of modern life in the fastexpanding metropolis. Still searching for an individual style, he made a careful ink and watercolour study of some buildings designed in the Jugendstil manner fashionable at the turn of the century. But the inclusion of some hunched figures on the road indicates that Grosz

already felt an instinctive sympathy for the city's poorest inhabit-6 War had ants. Short of money himself, he wandered sharpened through dingy dis-tricts sketching street both his fights and bar brawls. pen and his

The more he concentrated on aggressive subjects, the sharper his line became. They brought most anarchic side of his complex tempera-

ment. As an artist who aimed at earning his living from illustrations in popular magazines, he also felt attracted to scenes with strong journalistic appeal - most arrestingly at the notorious bicycle race, where competitors rode round a circular track for six nightmarish drawing of the blurred riders, and the accelerating hysteria of the crowd, is charged with adrenalin. It also reveals his debt to the Italian Futurists, who had gained a following among the German avantgarde. They showed Grosz how his interest in cabaret, domestic violence and the most raffish aspects of city life could be combined with startling innovation in the language of art.

Even so, the outbreak of war did prove a turning-point in his development. He may not have witnessed combat after volunteering in November 1914, but his spiky lithograph of the Russian prisoners he guarded near the front shows an

acute feeling for the desolate atmosphere of the battlefield. The pipesmoking German, who may be a self-portrait, seems dazed and weary as he trudges behind his equally happard charges. He gazes away from them towards the corpse thrown back on the ground, and a scattering of wild flowers provides the sole sign of hope in an otherwise shell-battered landscape. Back in Berlin after his medical

discharge in 1915. Grosz found no relief. On the contrary: experience of war had sharpened both his pen and his consciousness of menace. He drew an aerial attack, bursting without warning in crowd-ed streets, where pedestrians are blown through the air like menace 9 gesticulating dolls.

an impregnable capital: it too had become a target. Grosz now gave vent to wild and disorientating visions. His style was transformed, growing more headlong and rebarbative in its insistence on savage distortion. Lunatics run riot in one especially hysterical scene, butchering at will and taking over the asylum. Grosz had probably convinced himself that the entire Western world had become a madhouse.

But alongside the mounting revulsion, and an obsession with doom worthy of an Old Testament prophet, there was a distinct sense of relish. Even as he railed at all the rottenness, Grosz savoured its rancid vitality. His command of line increases in energy as he surveys the pullulating confusion of People in a Café, a magnificent brush and ink drawing of 1917. He thrives here on the chaos of street life, where a hearse, a hot-air balloon and a man with a woman's naked corpse can all be detected in the delirium. Using overlapping,

transparent planes derived from Futurism, Grosz brings inside and outside views together in a single image of metropolitan mayhem. Ever more fragmented and jar-

ring, his vision of pandemonium matched the hardening of his political attitudes. It led in 1919 to membership of the Communist Party along with his friends John Heartfield and Wieland Herzfelde. Grosz's vilification of the Weimar Republic knew no bounds. His satirical line, now deployed with consistent mastery, was wielded like a whip to lash an everwidening range of targets. Industrialists grown corpulent on war profiteering were subjected to as many vicious attacks as priests, judges and the military. Their smugness, hypocrisy and corrupabove all in the polemical journals produced by Herzfelde's fearless publishing house Malik Verlag.

When the inflammatory Ecce Homo appeared in 1923, Grosz and Herzfelde were taken to court and found guilty of making sexually explicit images. Five years later they were put on trial again, this time for blasphemously producing a print of Christ on the Cross wearing a gas mask and army boots. Grosz was eventually acquitted, but the incessant tussle with authority had taken its toll.

The final stages of the exhibition testify to a softening of his style. Demonic vitality had once been Grosz's hallmark, but gradually the slashing pen lost its edge. No longer capable of drawing blood, Grosz settled instead for a gentler and more amused form of social observation. By the time he and his family moved to New York in January 1933, the dedicated assas-

sin had degenerated into mildness. In the main, though, the Royal Academy show is dedicated to the years when Grosz's fury was at its lacerating height. Alive to an intoxicating variety of visual stimuli, he defined the clangour of the Weimar period with a rasping conviction that will never be erased. ● The Berlin of George Grosz at the Royal Academy (0171-439 7438) from Thursday until June 8.

IF ANY winner of the annual BP Portrait Award at the National Portrait Gallery has left a lasting impression, it is Philip Harris's 1993 Two Figures Lying in a Shallow Stream. The figures are a nude, full-length, full-frontal self-portrait and an equally extensive, although clothed, portrait of a young woman. They are lying together underwater, and both appear to be dead. The style is almost

photographically detailed. Harris's first solo show since, at Beaux Arts, at least confirms that the approach of the winning portrait is absolutely typical of the artist. Virtually every canvas in the new show is obsessed, in one way or another, with mortality. It may be the lines on the face of John Leather, a favourite model of Harris's. It may be the expression of terror on the face of the nude

ARCHIND THE GALLERIES

figure (a self-portrait again) wrestling with a window in Figure at Nightfall. Always there is the same hallucinatory detail of finish, carrying realism to the point where it transcends superrealism. Beaux Arts, 22 Cork Street, WI (0171-437 5799) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-2pm, until March 29

☐ ADRIAN HENRI has aiways suffered from being able to do too many things too well. He is best known as one of the Liverpool poets who, in the 1960s, revived the live performance of poetry as a popular entertainment. So how could he, a bestselling poet, also set himself up as a visual artist of real substance? In a sense he couldn't

and didn't. Through the

years he has been notoriously careless about his works of art, giving them away or leaving them rolled up and forgotten in a garage.

But if Henri has not stood up for his art, at least there are now others to do it for him, Whitford Fine Art has put together a resplendent show of his paintings, drawings and collages. Power, fun, dazzling colour, nostalgia: what more could anyone want? Whitford Fine Art, 6 Duke Street, St James's, SWI (0171-930 9332) Mon-Fri 10am-

TT COMES as a shock to realise that Victor Pasmore will be 90 next year. There would certainly be no way of guessing from the small exhi-

6pm, until tomorrow

bition New Etchings and a New Painting at Marlborough Graphics. The prints are in two series, seven called Sensory World and three called When Reason Dreams. There is also a single etching, The Man Within, that goes with an illustrated book of poems by Pasmore. All the prints were made this year, while the large painting Reason and Impulse dates from late last year. They are all typical Pasmore: organic-looking shapes in exquisite Mediterranean colours float across a white space. The same formula, the same finesse.

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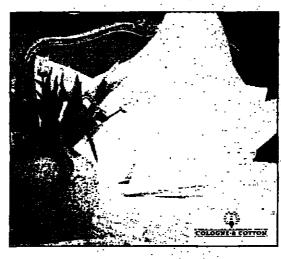
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The stormy winds of change

To have singlehanded control of the public face of a city is a position of immense power. Particularly so when that public face is seen as a key force in the city's economic regeneration. As director of Glasgow Museums, Julian Spalding is in precisely this position; his responsibilities include the internationally acclaimed Burrell Collection, the Kelvingrove Art Gallery, the People's Palace and the new Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA). All Spalding's decisions, unhampered by a committee, are given full support by the council. Pat Lally, the Provost, recently referred to him as "the mest museums director in the country".

Yet this month Spalding was given a unanimous vote of no confidence by his staff, faced by the latest in a series of museum reforms. In the Scottish press, headlines such as "Isn't it time to go, Julian?" have become a regular fixture. Employees and colleagues, past and present, have tripped over each other in their rush to criticise him, but such is his power that few will do so openly.

GOMA opened in March 1996 to searing criticism. Art critics condemned it as "the worst modern art gallery in the world", and questioned the wisdom of allowing one man - Spalding - the job of selecting the whole of a major new collection. Despite Spalding's self-im-posed remit to include only the work of living artists, Glasgow's rich resource of contemporary artists, such as Turner prizewinner Douglas Gordon, was not represented in the collection.

One year on, much of the fuss surrounding the gallery has died down. The admissions figures, while still short of the one million drawn to the Burrell in its heyday, are perfectly respectable at aro. and 600,000. "After a year, it has been

Glasgow is up in arms over plans to reform its museums.

Hettie Judah reports

made clear that the Gallery of Modern Art doesn't matter: the vitality of the young art scene in Glasgow has been unaffected. It is an irrelevance, but not a harm," says Charles Esche, the former curator of Tramway.

However, GOMA is not the only major change instituted by Spalding since his appointment in 1989. An unpopular shake-up has taken place at the People's Palace, new museums may have opened, but old ones, such as Poliok House, have closed. "Nobody deserves to keep a job on what they have done but on what they intend to do," Spalding has said. It is



Man under fire Julian Spalding, director of Glasgow Museums

precisely what Spalding intends to do that s currently causing concern. The Burrell Collection, probably Glas-

gow's most important museum, was left to the city by Sir William Burrell with explicit instructions for its housing and upkeep. Spalding, with the support of the City Council, is trying to alter the terms of the will to allow works from the collection to go overseas. Of the 1.5 million art works held by Glasgow Museums, up to 80 per cent are donations. This challenge to Burrell's will could set a precedent likely to deter future bequests from collectors: with the terms of the will altered, the whole collection could be broken up.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery is currently the subject of a £9.5 million lottery bid from Spalding, who proposes to mark the museum's centenary in 2001 by recreating the gallery as what one senior museums insider has described as "a medieval Disneyland". The lottery bid proposes fitting "interactive CD, audio tape and visual imagery", and theming the displays so that the experience becomes "like reading a magazine". Objection to this scheme is not simply to the obsolescence of such gadgets, but to the fact that a director is to replace - at vast cost people with machines.

This month nearly 50 museums staff were made redundant. Particularly hard hit is the conservation department, cut from 14 to three, a move which puts the collections at risk. These cuts are the result of a restructuring process which will effectively reverse the changes made by Spalding himself earlier in his directorship. The main public beneficiaries of Spalding's policy seem to be the skateboarders, who now circle the pedestrian square around the Gallery of Modern Art live an unwitting flock of vultures.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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BIRRINGHAM: Weish Nadional Opera embarks on the third leg of its sight-only four. Sare Fulgoni sings the role of Carmen in the company's new production of Blast's opera (torught and Findsy) Verd's Rigolotio is given tomorow and Saturdey, with liphigente or Tauride by Gluck on Thursday. Hippodrome, Hurst Street (19121-622 1488) Techhill Ser 7 15cm (6)

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BUXTON: English Touring Theatre presents Noël Coward's biting, salance tale about a manage à trois, Design for Living Directed by Stephen Uniwin Opera House, Water Street (01298 72190) Tonight-Sat. 7 30pm

CHELTENHAM: Method and Madness presents two plays in repertoire itsent's Ghosts (brught and tomorrow) and Shakaspeer's endreating lable, The Winter's Tale (Thursday-Saturday) Everyment, Regent Street (D1242 572573) Fonight-Fri, 7-Spm; Sat. 2.30pm and 8pm. Until March 22.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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VENUE: Tonight at the Barbican



■ CHOICE 2

Sara Fulgoni sings Carmen in Welsh National Opera's new staging

VENUE: Tonight at the Birmingham Hippodrome

GUILDFORD: Opera Box brings to life Bizet's intense opera. The Pearl Fishers, in a production brimful of exons melody and a sensetional score. Yeome Armand, Milkrook (01483 44000). Tonight and Thurs, 7 45pm; mat Thurs, 2 30pm. (2)

NORWICH: Rambert Dance Company's tourng repertoire includes Christopher Bruce's ballets, Stream

Christopher Bruce's Callett, Stream and Moonshine, and Didy Velchman's popular Kil Simcha (Voice of Celebration). Preceded by a free preperformance talk in the Function Room Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (01603 630000). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mart Wed, 2.30pm.

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Soho Theatre Company at 21 Dean Street, W1 (0171-420 0022). Mon-Sat,

THE WHITE DEVIL: Gale Edwards's thrilingly erotic and violent production of Webster, with Jane Gurnett, Ray Fearon and Richard

McCabe Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0181-638

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF HRT: Mane Jones and Eleen Policick in love with Daniel O'Donnell. Hit Irish

comedy but their daydreams are a bit obvious, somehow.

Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Sai, 7 45pm; mate Thurs and Sai, 3pm

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The Mousetrap: St Marbn's (J171-836 1443)

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■ MUSIC

Don't give up the day job: Peter Maxwell Davies's attempt at comedy comes badly unstuck

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BLOOD ON THE FIELDS: Wynton Marsalis's epic work for jezz orchestra and voices launches the third annual z at the Barbican season today. Wit Jazz at the Barboan season today, win he Lincoin Center Jazz Orchestre and vocalists Cassendra Wilson and Jon Hendricks Returns only. Barbicens Sik Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), Tonghil, 7 30pm.

CARTOONS BY GED. This exhibition by carbonust Ged Melling, a contributor to The Times, includes a "tive" drawing session delly, from noon to 3pm.
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hirteen years on, Graham Vick's produc-tion of Butterfly remains one of English National Opera's prize possessions, especially when Susan Bullock is there in the title role. Puccini's heroine has been her passport to international success.

Her geisha may be on the plump side, even for turn-of-

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the-century taste, but Bullock does wonders with her body: the tripping movement of the feet, the self-deprecatory flutter of the wrists, the girlish giggle which fades into an oriental hiss.

Above all there is the vocal control. She has total command of the volume switch, so that the soprano at the start of Act I comes out as a silvery ripple until Puccini opens up the romantic floodgates of the love duet.

Act II, in this version assembled by Vick and his original conductor, John Mauceri, is almost all Butterfly. Bullock briefly fines down her voice when she remembers happier days, but the child bride is now an adult and demands a matching maturity to sweep over the orchestra: no trouble there, although Michael Lloyd conducted a noisy performance short on succulence from the strings. The Flower Duet is Bullock's only weak moment, lacking spontaneity despite the quality of Ethna Robinson's Suzuki, stalwart believer in traditional Japanese values and wisely wary of American ships passing in the night. The Abraham Lincoln's did. But if, as here, Pinkerton

new Lieutenant Pinkerton is the Australian tenor Julian Gavin, who stood in for

Roberto Alagna in the final the opera's opening hour. two Don Carlos performances Gavin recognised that and at Covent Garden last sumshowed he could match anymer. His voice has filled out thing the orchestra served up. and now carries a brave and Vick has Pinkerton snatch brawny sound, with ample reserves of power in the middle register. Gavin made few attempts to sing softly and was not all that successful when he

CONCERTS: A limp joke from Peter Maxwell Davies; an energetic Rostropovich in London

up his child at the end of Butterfly and place his naval cap on the boy's head. The US Navy rules. It is a telling gesture in a telling staging, scrupulously redirected by Bill Bankes-Jones with every charis stripped of his last-act aria, acter crisply drawn. Arwel he has to pour everything into

Huw Morgan's Sharpless is wet in body as well as mind as he wipes the sweat from his brow and the rain from his consular coat. John Graham-Hall's unctuous Goro finally gets his comeuppance when he is sent sprawling in a puddle outside Butterfly's shack. Life is not all cherry blossom in Vick's Nagasaki.

JOHN HIGGINS

Susan Bullock sings Madam Butterfly, Julian Gavin is Lieutenant Pinkerton in ENO's acclaimed production

Humour failure

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THERE is nothing intrinsically unfunny about "Maxwell Davies" being contracted to "Mavis" in a Las Vegas hotel register. As material for a cheerful little joke in the cocktail bar of the Flamingo Hilton, it is even quite promising. But to make a violin theme of this Mavis and conduct her round Las Vegas in a series of orchestral variations requires a considerably more sophisticated sense of humour and a far more wicked gift for parody

than Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has. The title, Mavis in Las Vegas, is an indication of the kind of wit to be heard in the work. It is true that it was the tackiness of the place which the composer found so stimulating but, if we are going to have kitsch, let us have authentic, slick, outrageous kitsch rather than this clumsy, mild-mannered parody of a culture which is already a parody of itself. Sir Peter was no doubt delighted to

conduct the BBC Philharmonic in the first performance of the new score, but the audience in the Royal Northern College of Music was generally more impressed by his Strathclyde Concerto No 7, the one for double bass written for Duncan McTier and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra five years ago. McTier played it on this occasion too. demonstrating once again both his extraordinary eloquence and the composer's resourcefulness in exploiting what he can achieve in terms of line and colour in even the most extreme of positions.

The other two items in this "Max factor" concert (not a good evening for titles) were both by American composers — a Saxophone Concerto by Ronald Caltabiano, and a suite from The Black Maskers by Roger Sessions. Simon Butterworth, the admirable soloist in the Caltabiano concerto, might have welcomed a little lyrical compromise here and there but if he wanted to contradict the sentimental associations of the saxophone he could not have done it more effectively.

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cellist seems still to have a "hotline" to

Dvořák, and most of his risks paid off. There was still much of the old Rostropovich magic in the long, warmtoned lines that poured out with natural ease. But he scaled down his sound at the moments of inward reflection and, along with Marcia Crayford's solo violin, summoned up all the lyrical poetry of the epilogue. Mehta's exciting orchestral tuttis

seemed overblown by comparison, but in both concertos he was an admirable. firm accompanist. The conductor also brought his trademark charisma to a performance of Wagner's Rienzi overture that had unashamed power and, thanks to the LSO's superb strings, maiestic luminosity.

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patient and of society, often clash in such cases. Characterising these interests in one case, Lord Donaldson of Ly-mington said that "the patient's interest consists of his right to self-determination his right to live his own life how he wishes, even if it will damage his health or lead to his premature death. Society's interest is in upholding the concept that all human life is sacred and that it should be preserved if at all possible."

Last week the High Court dealt with two controversial cases of this sort. In a novel case, Mr Justice Wall used common law powers to order a 16-year-old girl to be detained in order to receive treatment for anorexia. The court found the order necessary in the girl's best interests. The girl, whose life was thought by doctors to be at risk, had instructed lawyers to oppose the court order sought by her local authority with the support of

The High Court also considered an application by Ms S, who had, against her wishes, undergone a Caesarean section and wished to challenge the conduct of the medical authorities who had had her committed to a psychiatric hospital after she refused medical intervention for what was regarded as a dangerous preg-

While the law, on the basis of the patient's impaired abili-ty to make proper judgments, has been used recently to compel more women to have Caesarean section deliveries. its approach to other incidents. has been less paternalistic.

In one leading case in 1993, a man with a gangrenous foot, whom doctors judged as having a small chance of survival without an amputation, was allowed an injunction preventing a hospital from ever performing such an unwanted operation. The court respected his right to self-determination - he said he would rather die with two feet than live with just one — even though he was a chronic paranoid schizophrenic who expressed grandiose delusions that, among other things, he was an internationally famous doctor who had never lost a patient. He was regarded as sufficiently

balanced and lucid for his

wishes to be respected. The Court of Appeal recognised the same principle in February when examining the case of Diane Blood, the woman who wanted to use the sperm of her dead husband in order to conceive.

Lord Woolf, acknowledging the principle of bodily autonomy as posited in the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act of 1990, stated that sperm taken from a comatose man without his written consent should not have been preserved or stored. The rationale of this law is that a free person should always retain control

of his own body.

The court held that the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority had been right to refuse to license the fertilisation of the man's wife in the United Kingdom. In refusing her an export licence, however, it had not taken into account her right to crossborder medical treatment under Articles 59 and 60 of the EC Treaty.

The dilemma at the heart of these disputes was neatly summed up by Dr Eastman, a consultant lecturer in forensic psychiatry at St George's Hospital. In the gangrene case, Re C, he said that the ultimate conclusion should be reached by "weighing in the scales the preservation of life against the autonomy of the patient". If the patient's capacity to decide is unimpaired, autonomy weighs heavier, but the further capacity is reduced, the lighter autonomy weighs. The general principles re-

garding refusal of medical treatment were authoritatively put by the Court of Appeal in a dramatic case, Re T, in 1992. A woman who was 34 weeks pregnant was badly injured in a car crash but signed a form in the hospital declining a blood transfusion if one became regarded by doctors as required.
There was evidence that

although the patient was not a member of the Jehovah's Witness sect, her mother was and had, while alone with her daughter in the hospital, persuaded her to decline any blood as to do so would violate a biblical principle. There was also evidence that when she signed the refusal of consent form, the patient was not in a fit state to have properly understood the risks of declining a transfusion.

In upholding the hospital's decision to override her apparent refusal, and to give her



Diane Blood: finally won the right to use the sperm of her dead husband to conceive

blood, the Court of Appeal ruled that though adults could generally decline any proposed treatment on any grounds, however perilous or irrational, doctors had the duty to treat a patient in whatever way they deemed to be in his best interests when he lacked sufficient capacity to make a proper judgment. How is a patient's capacity to be measured?

ady Justice Butler-Sloss observed that several factors will need to be evaluated as "What matters is whether at the time the patient's capacity was reduced below the level needed in the case of a refusal of that importance. Some may involve a risk to life or of irreparable damage to health." Refusals resulting from the patient's mind having been overborne by another person can be overridden.

The problem in the case of Re S, and the law's unease in dealing with such issues, is aggravated by factors from the wider economic and philounborn child does not have a sophical landscapes. The proportion of babies

born by Caesarean section has trebled since the 1970s from 5 per cent to 16 per cent today, and while a number of such births are indisputably necessary, some are attributable to practice of "defensive medicine". As the cost to the NHS of medical negligence litigation has risen from about £53 million in 1990-91 to £125 million in 1993-94, many doctors and hospitals are acutely aware of the dangers of being sued and unnecessary surgical deliveries can be recommend-

ed in such a context. The idea of everyone having unassailable bodily autonomy is compatible with a highly individualistic social philosophy but ignores the emotional interests of others who may be connected to the patient. In problematic pregnancy cases, it also ignores, according to the passionately held beliefs of some, the interests of the unborn child. In 1988 the Court of Appeal ruled that the

legal personality which the court can protect. The development of the

common law from precedent to precedent is often regarded as a flexible and sensitive way to regulate difficult issues, but in some instances such as the issue of bodily autonomy there is much to support the dictum that "hard cases make bad law". Dr Slapper is principal lecture. in law, Staffordshire University.

A clearer view of the law on corruption

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former Lord Chancellor, Lord Buck-master, said in 1916 that "short of high master, sau in 1910 utat amost impossible to imagine an offence more grave than to corrupt one of these public servants and cause the neglect of his duty".

Corruption offences are found in a multiplicity of statutes, one of which dates back to 1551, and in the common law. This diversity, coupled with the fact that much of the corruption legislation was passed impulsively, prompted by contemporary problems or fears, has led to the law being neither comprehensive nor consistent, and in certain important areas unclear.

It is not surprising, therefore, that in 1976, the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life, chaired by Lord Salmon. recommended the rationalisation of the statute law on bribery. More recently the Nolan committee pointed out that, as the Government had accepted, but not implemented,

that recommendation, this might be a task the Law Commission could take forward. We have now done so. In our consultation paper published today, we are provisionally proposing a new corrup-tion offence which we believe will rationalise and clarify the present law of bribery. Our new offence would cover corrupt transactions involving a range of individuals who can be said to owe a duty of loyalty towards others; these would include employees, trustees, agents, partners, company directors and legal practitioners,

and anybody exercising a discretion on behalf of another, having access to another's assets or influence over another's decision. It would also cover those who owe a duty of loyalty to the public.

We do not deal with MPs. The Government has recently taken steps to clarify the law relating to the bribery of, or the receipt of a bribe by, an MP: it has asked the Select Committee on Standards and Privileges to consider a Home Office document which sets out various options for reform. In these circumstances, we believe it would be inappropriate to look into the issue at this stage. As for defences to our proposed new offence, we provisionally believe that it should not be a defence that the transaction was performed openly or with permission, or was normal practice, or gave rise to a benefit of small value. Nevertheless, given that an essential ingredient of the proposed new offence is that a defendant should have acted "corruptly", we provisionally take the view that each of these factors should have a bearing on the issue.

A fundamental feature of the present law is a distinction between the public and private sector. After the recent programme of

privatisation. however, it is now sometimes difficult to categorise a particular body as public or private. Furthermore, we provisionally believe that, even if this difficulty were not present, the distinction has little bearing on the criminality of an allegedly corrupt agent. We, therefore, provisionally favour dispensing with it and applying our proposed new offence to both sectors equally.

By its very nature, the information neces-sary to obtain a successful prosecution for corruption is surrounded in secrecy. This causes two problems. The first is whether the investigatory powers of the police should be extended. In cases of serious fraud, difficulties arising from the secrecy of the activity involved have been resolved by granting extensive powers to the Serious Fraud Office: we, therefore, consider whether similar powers should be made available to the police for the investigation of all corruption offences. We are particularly interested in

finding out whether the present powers of the police impair the successful prosecution of defendants for corrup-

Secondly. we consider whether there should be any form of presumption that a payment was made corruptly. At present, such a presumption arises if money, gift or other consideration is given to an employee of the Crown, a gov-ernment department or public body in circumstances involving the allocation of contracts. We provisionally believe that the presumption is no longer necessary, especially in view of

the fact that we now have provisions which enable fact-finders to draw inferences from a defendant's failure to testify or answer questions. We are very keen, however, to find from those with practical experience of prosecuting and defending if they consider the presumption still to be necessary.

We also considered whether entrapment in the form of an intention to expose somebody else's corruption should be a defence. To some, it might seem injust to impose liability on someone who, although in the short term is encouraging corrupt behaviour, has the long-term goal to prevent it. The contrary view is that people should not take the law into their own hands, but should report their suspicions of corruption to the police or some other suitable authority. We are undecided

As usual, the Law Commission is very anxious to receive as many views as possible. Such views will be of vital importance in determining future policy. Because of the urgency of the project, all responses must be received by June 30.

The author is the Law Commissioner with responsibility for criminal law.

First across the line

AS Mr Mulligan romped home in the Cheltenham Gold Cup last week. Tony Williams was winning a two-horse race to become the next managing partner at the City law firm Clifford Chance, one of the world's biggest.

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Mr Williams will take up the position from January 1. 1998 when Geoffrey Howe stands down after four consecutive terms in office to go back into practice.



A Scott inquiry

HE MAY have led the armsto-Iraq inquiry, and he may now be Vice-Chancellor, but Sir Richard Scott still appears to be trailing behind his namesake, Sir Nicholas Scott,

the deselected Tory MP, in the public popularity stakes. Sir Richard was the special guest at the launch of the Chancery Bar Association directory at Lincoln's Inn last

He told the gathering that



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while bicycling to the do, he was confronted by another cyclist who had been eyeing him curiously while they were both stopped at a red light. "Aren't you," he had finally asked, "Sir Nicholas Scott?"

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HIS HONOUR George Dobry, QC, eminence grise in the world of planning law, has organised the first seminar on advocacy in planning inquiries at the Inner Temple on March 22 together with 4 Breams' Buildings Chambers.

The one-day event includes David Hanchett, principal inspector from the Department of the Environment, Professor Malcolm Grant, department of land economy from Cambridge, and Garry Hart, senior planning partner at

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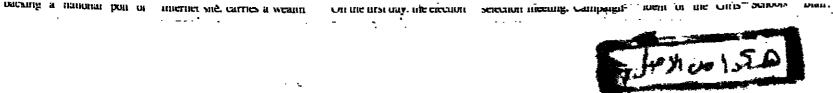
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Beware abuse of power

Unless carefully thought out, attempts to deal with attacks on

children can lead to further problems, says Mark Stephens

live in a time of appalling hypocrisy, Society's artitude to children is no different from that held up for didactic derision in Charles Kingsley's *The* Water Babies.

An atrocity such as that which stole the lives of 16 children in Dunblane prompts mass mourn-ing and calls for ethical and legislative change. But at the same time we allow children to go homeless, unfed, uneducated, brutalised, abused and prostituted.

Nonetheless, there is huge current concern about organised child abuse. The legal profession and the media should work in harmony to afford protection - and not just to the child survivors, but to perpetrators and anyone else involved. The problem is that protection tends to be confused with ignorance. I realise that children should be

our prime concern here, but it is not only their protection with which the legal profession and the media should be concerned. To divide children from the remainder of society, to voice concern for them alone and to legislate solely for victims is to fail to deal with the true situation.

The media view their role as being investigative and revelatory for the public good. They can uncover abuse, warn the public of potential and actual danger and induce justice to be done. Problems arise when the desire for justice becomes a desire for revenge; the need for protection overriding a need to punish. The need to tell a story may also jeopardise motive and security.

Practices such as financial re-ward for witnesses, details of scandal and allegations of malpractice or criminal activity never benefit the true course of justice; however, in cases such as those of current concern, the repercussions of such activities are lethal to justice

and to the individual. Coverage of child abuse is not always beneficial to the survivors. The press argues that survivors have stories to tell, that it wishes to raise public awareness and that

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their voices have been silenced for

One's immediate instinct is to agree; exposure marks an end to ostracism and a break in the cycle of taboo. But the psychological trauma and often-justified paranoia of survivors can mean that media coverage is potentially more dangerous in such cases than in other instances of criminal activity.

Take the family of Chris Johns of North Wales: three of five children abused, two dead from unnatural causes and two in permanent hiding — directly or indirectly a result of their time in care.

Such failures highlight also the potential risks publicity can bring.

People must be able to believe that those offering help do so for honourable

reasons

In their paper Child Exploitation and the Media - Over-Exposure or Cover-up, Mike Jempson, executive director of PressWise, a media ethics body, and David Niven, the chairman of Action on Child Exploitation, point out that neither privacy and secrecy nor over-exposure should be confused with freedom of expression.

Media representatives must treat the information and allegations of their interviewees with integrity. The subjects are being asked, and perhaps, unknowingly agreeing to relive the most appalling and traumatic experiences of their lives. Equally, too much of a "softly softly" approach is as dangerous as it is ignorant, which helps no one.

Legislation and regulation do exist, but in a piecemeal fashion. And the proposed paedophile register under the Home Secretary's Sex Offenders Bill is no kind of solution. This is aimed at protecting children from paedophiles located

in their neighbourhood, but even this apparently admirable motive may be faulty. The easy availability of the names and addresses of convicted paedophiles, charged sex offenders and, even in the instance of "gross indecency", consensual adult homosexuals, will provide the media with unchecked access to the subjects for stories, exposes and ultimately publicised vitriol.

There is also the possibility that a paedophile register would serve as an abusers' directory. The task of informing vulnerable members of a neighbourhood of the presence of offenders in the locality will be in the hands of the police. The proposal fails to consider the often interdependent relationship of police and media.

Checks on information imposed by the judiciary in court proceedings and the current North Wales child abuse tribunal could not be used in conjunction with a register.

In America it is the courts that are putting the brakes on what has come to be called "Megan's Law" -introduced after a seven-year-old's abuse and murder by a paedophile. and providing police with extensive notification powers - highlighting the problems of allowing a mother's grief-fuelled campaign to become legislation. Megan's Law inspired the apparently unqualified support of America's political heavyweights and the response to the Home Secretary's proposed register has been much the same. The combined forces of politicians and parents make it a surefire winner: parents have more than children; they have votes. A vote is a small price to pay for the apparent promise of your children's safety.

Last month saw the launch of A Case for Balance, a video endorsed by the Judicial Studies Board, giving guidelines on the management of child witness cases and the need to minimise the burden and distress of children in court proceedings. Similarly sensible proposals are necessary for the regulation of the coverage of such cases by the media. Currently, it is the media themselves that have



The damage done: now how should society proceed?

taken the initiative in instigating

A Forum on Children Exploitation and The Media was held last week by the charity Action on Child Exploitation and Press-Wise. The aim was to develop "common guidelines for future good practice that will improve public understanding of the issues, and assist efforts to eradicate child abuse".

do not believe, however, that it is correct for the media to take on the responsibility for either security of the vulnerable or the control of "offenders". For the tabloids in particular, the need to sell copies will always prevent their practising what they preach. With the correct regulation, the press can act as a noticeboard to warn the public of danger. And we may hope that the media can distinguish confidentiality from secrecy, freedom of expression from over-exposure and protection from ignorance. But neither the safety of children nor the monitoring of sex abusers should be in the hands of people with no training in the caring, social or legal services.

The public, and particularly those being abused, must be able to believe that those offering assistance are doing so for honourable reasons, and have the resources to fulfil their promises. Comprehensive support systems must be in place - and not only for the abused.

The author is a solicitor specialising

A jury system under question

Tunku Varadarajan on the case that raises the spectre of Franco's justice

pain's fragile jury system has come under withering attack after a jury in San Sebastián found a Basque radical not guilty of the murder of two policemen even after he confessed in court to taking "deliberate aim" and shooting the men with a hunting rifle.

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The all-Basque jury decided that the accused, who had links with the terrorist group Eta, was not fully in control of himself at the time of the shooting. The families of the dead men have denounced the jury for acquitting the killer "out of fear of Eta" and the Spanish Minister of Justice has undertaken to examine ways in which there is no repetition.

The trial of Mikel Otegi, the accused, was held against a background of such intimidation that many observers saw the case as a trial of the jury system itself. The system was reintroduced for the first time last May, after its abolition by General Franco in 1936. But Señor Otegi's acquittal will confirm the view of many that the system is unsuited to the trial of politically charged cases in the Basque country.

Finding nine willing jurors the number required by Spanish law - proved arduous for the presiding judge; Basques fought shy of sitting on the case for fear of terrorist reprisals. Explicit warnings are given regularly to the public by Eta to shun jury service whenever Basque nationalists are on trial.

Of the initial pool of 36 potential jurors in the Otegi case, all chosen at random, only eight raised no preliminary personal objections to participation. The rest offered a range of excuses to get off the politically awkward hook. Pressures of work, family duty, stress and illness were cited by many as reasons not to serve.

Others claimed that they knew the accused personally. thus making it impossible for them to impart an objective judgment. A handful also declined to serve on the jury for straightforward political reasons, stating that because the law laid down that jurors should be "Spanish", they, as Basques, were not required to serve.

The court, however, overruled most objections, finally settling on a jury comprising eight women and one man. Their task was to decide whether Señor Otegi murdered two policemen at his farm in Itsasondo, near San Sebastián, in December 1995. The accused - a militant member of Jarrai, a radical Basque organisation linked to Eta - claimed he killed the two men in self-defence. Witnesses. however, saw him getting drunk on the night in question, and scuffling earlier with policemen in a local tavern.

The Spanish Ministry of Justice has announced that it will appeal against the jury's decision. Legal experts predict that the case will eventually reach the Supreme Court in Madrid.

The case has led to pressure in Spain for the abolition of the iury system. Trial by jury, one of the first institutions to fall victim to the Spanish Civil War, sits awkwardly in the country's Roman-Napoleonic legal system, traditionally dominated by magistrates. Though it seemed to have worked well since its restoration last year, the Otegi trial was the first with such an obviously political dimension and such an explosive outcome.

Tet these proposals for change, so soon after the system's reintroduction last May, have also provoked criticism. In an editorial last week, the Madrid daily El Pais cautioned against an over-hasty rush to legislate in the face of one unsavoury verdict. The newspaper said: One has to face the fact that very little time has elapsed since the jury system's return to Spain. Not enough time has passed for a jury tradition to emerge. It is only when such a tradition emerges that we will cease to question the validity of the system on the basis of one concrete verdict. We must allow the insti-

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a policy, therefore, cooperation with beadhunters is only feasible for firms with reasonably high profits and good morale. If word gets out, the headhuniers will wise up to this

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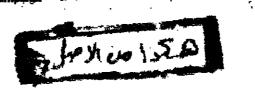
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Broncos set to enlist Edwards

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LONDON Broncos hope to complete the signing of Shaun Edwards from Wigan in time for him to make his debut at Warrington in the Stones Super League on Friday. A board meeting at Central Park tonight is expected to approve the sale of the Great Britain

scrum half for a nominal fee. Wigan refused Edwards, 30. a free transfer request, but the club is apparently willing to suspend the two years left on his contract and release him to the Broncos for a modest payment. Edwards wants to leave Wigan after 14 years for personal reasons. He is now living in London, where his girlfriend is based, and she is

expecting their first child. Edwards would be the thirteenth international player to leave Wigan in 22 months. The proposed move will cost him an estimated pay cut of

£100,000 over two years. He had spoken of possible retirement if the club had carried out its intention of keeping him to his contract. However, in discussions with Jack Robinson, Edwards reminded his club chairman about his loyal service since he was signed at 17, in 1983, for £35,000, then a world record

for a schoolboy.

After the capture last year of Martin Offiah, the Great Britain wing, from Wigan, the imminent signing of Edwards will represent another coup for the ambitious Broncos. There is still no better organiser in the English game. Outside the Wigan context, it would be interesting to see whether Edwards

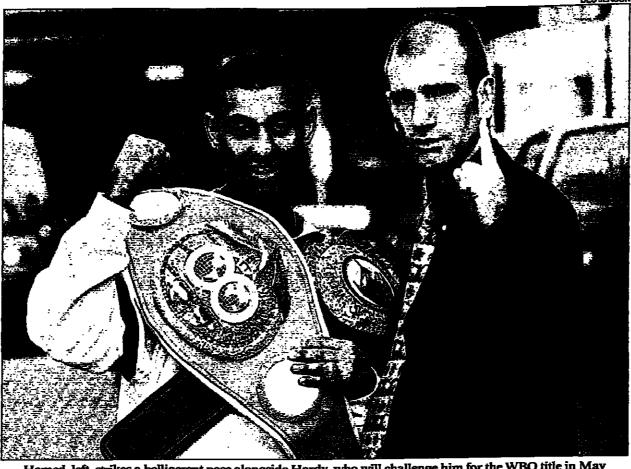
exerts the same influence. Wigan look set to miss out to Sheffield Eagles on the sign-ing of Tony Smith, the thirdchoice Great Britain scrum half, from Castleford. Wigan have also entered discussions with Warrington about the unsettled lestyn Harris, the Wales and Britain back. His preference, though, is for St Helens, but he is at present suspended from Wilderspool for two days for playing in a football match without the dub's permission.

Harris, listed at £1.35 million, withdrew from Warrington's match at Bradford last Friday with a calf injury. The repercussions of a 58-20 defeat at Odsal, and their Silk Cut Challenge Cup exit at the hands of Salford the previous week, were severe yesterday as Warrington gave free transfers to three internationals --Martin Dermott, who has played twice after joining from Wigan in the close season. Willie Swann and Mateaki

John Smith, the Warrington chief executive, said: "We don't believe these players are up to Super League standard and we don't have time to wait.
They will be allowed to find another club and we are not asking for a fee. We know we have problems, but this club will go forward. There will be more signings, but of players of the right calibre."

A total attendance of 55,000 for the first six Super League matches was 1,000 up on the first weekend of 1996 and represented the most popular start to a season for 24 years. All but one of the home clubs recorded crowd increases of between 15 per cent and 50 per cent on their average last year.

Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive, was delighted by the opening-day statistics. "Fol-lowing the healthy attendance patterns of the Challenge Cup, the opening round of Super League augurs well," Lindsay said. "The clubs have been working hard over the winter and that was clearly demonstrated by some tremendous play on the field and excellent organisation off it."



Hamed, left, strikes a belligerent pose alongside Hardy, who will challenge him for the WBO title in May

Hamed fails to duck Hardy's challenge

NASEEM HAMED has had to take a diversion on his route to the undisputed world featherweight title (Srikumar Sen writes). Instead of meeting Wilfredo Vasquez, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, on May 3, Hamed has to defend his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title against Billy Hardy, the European champion from Sunder-land, on that date at the Nynex Arena in

Frank Warren, Hamed's promoter. said that the bout had been forced on the Sheffield man by the WBO and the

media. Warren wanted Hamed to attempt to become undisputed champion as soon as possible but Hardy, the No I contender, could not be side-stepped.

The WBO tried initially to help out Warren by attempting to get Hardy to have an eliminator while Hamed went ahead with his bout with Vasquez But Tommy Gilmour, Hardy's manager, having waited 12 months for the title bout, put the matter into the hands of his

"We still haven't heard from the WBO," Gilmour said. "It was heading for the courts. But then we got together with Frank Warren and made the fight happen. We got a good deal for Billy, the best payday of his career. I think Frank

Warren is to be congratulated for saving the blushes of the WBO."

Harned was typically dismissive of Hardy, who is 32 and past his best, and produced a one-sided shouting match at a London press conference. The champion promised to wipe out the Wearside boxer inside five rounds and Hardy promised to show his rival a few tricks he had picked up in 13 years of boxing.

ICE HOCKEY: WEAKENED STEELERS DISMISS BISON IN LOW-KEY ENCOUNTER

Advancing Eagles are grounded by Storm

WITH all the significant placings and semi-final pairings in the Superleague championship decided on Saturday, the two games played on Sunday were reduced to meaningless affairs (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Avr Scottish Eagles, no doubt still recovering from the excitement of their 6-4 win over Newcastle Cobras the night before, were beaten 4-3 by Manchester Storm, which at least gave a 10,000 crowd in the Nynex Arena some compensation as the Storm broke their play-off duck. The game was penalty-free, which is the ice hockey equivalent of a football match without a foul, and indicates how seriously the players took it.

It was much the same story at Basingstoke, where Sheffield Steelers rested Rob Wilson, their captain, and Jason Lafreniere, one of their leading forwards, and still beat the Bison 7-2, with each side earning only one penalty and body-checking notably

The Great Britain Under-19 team won the gold medal in Pool C of the European junior championships in Romania at the weekend. Having beaten Estonia 8-0, Romania 5-2 and

Holland 3-1, they completed their programme with a 4-3 win over Latvia, the pre-tournament favourites. This means that they will compete in Pool B next year. Perhaps the continuing suc-

cess of the Britain youngsters will now encourage coaches in the domestic game to employ home-bred players, rather than pinning their hopes on expensive imports.

CRICKET

Sri Lanka India fold succumb after Sidhu to wiles of reaches Vettori milestone

before his side was dismissed

for 436 on the fourth day of the

second Test at Queen's Park

Oval in Port of Spain,

Sunii Joshi was the last man

out for 24 after Anil Kumble,

who had retired hurt on nine

after being struck in the groin by a ball from Mervyn Dillon,

the fast bowler, resumed his

innings after lunch when In-

Only Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Sardesai had scored double-hundreds for India

against West Indies. Sidhu's innings of 201 spanned more

than 11 hours and included 19

The luck that deserted the West Indies bowlers during

Sidhu, before Dillon took

three wickets in quick succes-

WEST INDIES: First Innings 296 (R / C Holder 91; A R Kumble 5 for 104).

Second Imings

INDIA: First Innings

Campbell low b Kuruvilla Williams not out

BOWLING: Present 7-3-7-0; Kunt 11-1; Kumble 7-3-8-0.

VS Laxman flow to Ambrose

tN R Mongia b Dillon A R Kumble not out S Joshi c Walsh b Ambrose

A Kunuvila c Murray b Dillon 8 K V Prasad c Lara b Dillon

as (b. 9, lb. 11, nb. 8).....

BOWLING: Ambrose 41 4-10-87-5; Walsh 36-11-71-0; Rose 35-6-93-1; Dillon 35-6-92-3; Hooper 28-9-53-0; Chanderpaul 8-1-

Umpires: L.R. Barker (West Indies) and S.G. Randell (Australia)

Chanderpaul not xtras (lb 6, nb 1)

Total (1 wkt) FALL OF WICKET: 1-25

dia were 420 for nine.

fours and one six.

Trinidad.

HAMILTON (fourth day of five): New Zealand beat Sri NAVJOT SIDHU became only the third India batsman Lanka by 120 runs to score a double-century against West Indies yesterday

A YEAR after their dazzling victory in the World Cup, Sri Lanka were yesterday con-demned to a 2-0 Test series defeat against New Zealand. the country bottom of the table

of Test-playing nations.

Set 326 to win the second
Test and already in trouble at 20 for two overnight, Sri Lanka never looked like achieving the target on a difficult pitch. They fell 120 runs short when they were bowled out for 205 with more

than a day to spare.
It is New Zealand's first home series win since they beat Zimbabwe in 1990 and the first time that they have won successive Tests since doing so against Pakistan in

the previous two days of the After New Zealand's strugmatch suddenly returned. gles against England, this was India were 367 for three overnight and, after Ganguly was dismissed by a well-taken, left-handed catch by Chanderpaul at cover off Franklyn Rose, a triumph for youth. Stephen Fleming, at 23 their youngest captain, led the side well and Daniel Vettori, 18, the left-arm West Indies seized their spinner, spearheaded the vicopportunity. Curtly Ambrose bowled Mohammad Azharuddin and tory by taking five for 84 in the second innings and nine wickets in the match.

The only resistance came in a defiant fifth-wicket stand of 79 between Roshan Mahanama, the adhesive Sri Lanka opening batsman, and Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain. The teams begin a three-match one-day series on Saturday.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 222 (8 A Pocock 85). Second Imings 273 (8 A Young 62, S P Fleming 59, N J Astie 62). SRI LANKA: First Innings 170 (H T Davis 5 for 63, D t. Vetton 4 for 46). Second Innings

Umpires: D B Cowie (New Zealand) and

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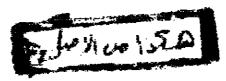
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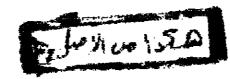
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BY JULIAN MUSCAT A FIVE-STRONG British con-

tingent, headed by the Japan

Cup winner, Singspiel, was

yesterday allocated places in

the provisional field of 13 for the Dubai World Cup at Nad Al Sheba on Saturday week. Flemensfirth, Even Top, Bi-

jou D'Inde and Luso are on course to accompany Sing-spiel in the \$4 million event

over ten furlongs. In an inter-

national cast, they will be

opposed by three American-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SILVER THYNE

(4.50 Uttoxeter) Next best: Red Branch

(2.00 Fontwell Park)

Trundere was in log form yesterday. He napped Golden Fiddle (10-1) at New-castle, where Woody Care (7-1) also obliged, and his other winners included Hoh Majestic (6-1) at Mol Vietle Pauque (6-1) at Southwell and Cambo (11-2) at Market Rosen.

trained opponents, two from

Dubai and one each from

Australia, Japan and, most

significantly, France, whose

entry is the Prix de l'Arc de

Bookmakers were quick to

size up the contest and came down firmly in favour of two

American challengers. Wil-liam Hill installed Siphon, the

11-4 favourite, followed by 4-1

Sandpit, 5-1 Singspiel and

Helissio. 7-1 Formal Gold (US)

and Kammtarra (Dubai), 14-1

Flemensfirth and Key Of Luck

(Dubai), 20-1 Even Top and

THE ARTFUL RASCAL, rid-

den by Nigel Bloom, duly won

Britain's first 'prestige' point-

to-point on Sunday. Their

victory at the West-Street

Tickham meeting netted own-

er-trainer Michael Kemp

£240, double the usual

amount for an open race and,

while this was a four-mile

contest, The Artful Rascal had

an easy time in beating Stede

Quarter and Annio Chilone.

same number as last year,

and, the winner apart, this

was a prestige race in name

only. It will be interesting to

see whether the other six such

events at courses across the

country attract a better quality

The meeting did provide the

crowd with the sight of one

horse whose name should be

on licensed trainers' shopping

lists. Struggles Glory, a six-

year-old owned, trained and

ridden by David Robinson, 55.

blitzed round in the day's

CARIMARTHENSHIRE (Erw Lon). Hunt:
1, Ozzie Jones (Miss L Pearca, 3-1), 2.
Cranagh Moss: only 2 finished: 3 ran.
Cordined: 1, Conna Moss (Miss P Jones,
4-1); 2, Bullars Bay; 3, Wolver's Pet. 12
ran. Ladies: 1, Luchy Ole Son (Miss P Jones,
4-1); 2, Bullars Bay; 3, Wolver's Pet. 12
ran. Ladies: 1, Luchy Ole Son (Miss P Jones,
4-1); 2, Morthern Barti, 2, Local
Customer, 9 ran. Men's Open'1, Touch
'N' Pass (J Tudor, 2-1); 2, Northern Barti,
3, Carlowitz, 9 ran. Fleet 1, 1 Redio Days (J
Lukes, 1-4 Iay); 2, Hill Fon, 3, Equations, 5
ran. Rest It: 1, Telephone (P Hamer, 2-1),
2, Mister McGaeldit, 3, Saffron Moss 8 ran.
Midn It: 1, Hollow Sound (J Jurkes, 7-2); 2,
Luctmen; 3, Irish Thinker, 13 ran. Midn It: 1,
Krap Flowing (Miss P Jones, 4-5 Iay), 2,
Bold Affer; 3, Baratundie Bay, 16 ran Midn
IV: 1, She Goes (A Price, 8-1); 2, Bobbie's
Grit, 3, Phudky Purfer, 11 ran.
COTTESMORE (Garthorpe) Hunt: 1,

Only nine went to post, the

Triomphe winner. Helissio.

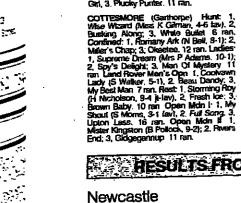
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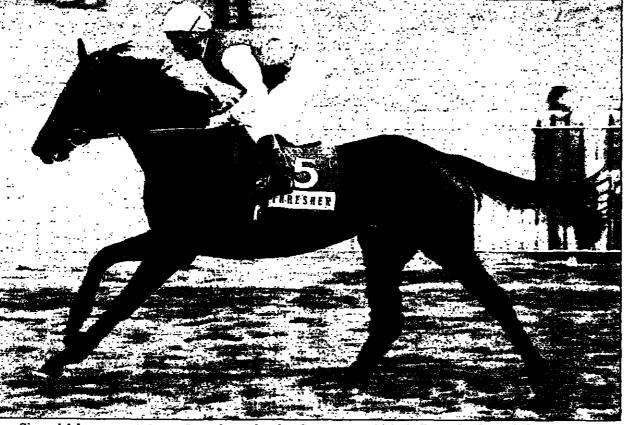
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RACING: AMERICAN DUO DOMINATES EARLY BETTING FOR WORLD'S RICHEST RACE AT NAD AL SHEBA

Singspiel leads Britain's Dubai raid

Singspiel, last season's Japan Cup winner, heads a five-strong British challenge for the Dubai World Cup

Juggler (Australia), and 33-1 Bijou D'Inde, Luso and Hokuto Vega (Japan). Those odds undoubtedly re-

Easy for The Artful Rascal

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

fastest time to record his third

win of the season. He has yet

to be tested and looks a fine

Jamie Jukes is back at the

head of the national men's

championship after his Satur-

day double at Larkhill was

complemented by another at

the Carmarthenshire. Both

his winners were on Bert

Jones: landmark

DART VALE & HALDON HARRIERS (Ottery St Mary) Hunt: 1, Departure (J. Creighton, 5-2). 2. Perfect Stranger: 3, Moze Tidy 4 ran. Men's Open 1, The General's Drum (R. Heard, 4-7 tav), 2. The Lorryman: 3, Hidden Dollar 6 ran. Midn' 1, Italian Man (G. Perikold, 4-1), 2. Damens Pride, 3, Plighm's Mission: 15 ran. Confined: 1, Featsome (G. Perikold, 7-4 p-favi, 2, Parditino, 3, Parson's Way 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Arctic Chill (Miss S Viclesy, 2-1); 2, Desert Waltz, 3, Searcy: 10 ran. Hest 1 i, Churchtown Chemoe (J. Jefford, 6-4 lav), 2, Indian Rabi, 3. The Bold Abbol. 12 ran. Rest II. 1, Elle Flavedor (Miss S Viclesy, 3-1); 2, Merdop Son; 3, Derkdown Shuster: 9 ran. Intermediate: 1, Ticket To The Moon (A Farrant, 7-4 lav); 2. Southern Flight, 3, Avril Showers: 6 ran.

SUNDAY'S POINT-TO-POINT DETAILS

prospect.

not quite so formidable a unit. but the prospects for Britain on the dirt track were out in perspective by Singspiel's

flect the fact that Americantrainer, Michael Stoute. trained horses, led by Cigar, "Singspiel is a top-class turf filled the first three places in horse racing on a different the inaugural running 12 surface, and we don't for a months ago. This year's trio is minute underestimate the dif-

Lavis-trained horses, Radio

Jukes has a total of II wins

this season, one more than

Tim Mitchell, who was last

seen heading to his local pub,

The Piddle Inn, for a well-

earned Foxhunters' celebra-

tion on Saturday night after he

had ridden two winners at

not to have won the national

women's championship but

her determination to do so has

not dimmed. Her treble at the

Welsh course included her

hundredth winner in points,

on Lucky Ole Son in the

ladies'. Jones now has nine

wins to her credit, two behind

the leader, Polly Curling, who

was unable to add to her tally

at the Dart Vale & Haldon, a

meeting at which Shirley

Vickery rode her second dou-

ble of the weekend to place her

equal second with Jones in the

ROSS HARRIERS (Gamons) Hum 1.
Layston D'Or (A Dalton, 2-7 lav), 2. Nosv Welcome; 3, Owell Ross 3 ran Confined 1, Frocen Pipe (M Hams, 3-1), 2.
Landslar Affred, 3, Crown Jewel 12 ran Men's Open 1, Riverside Boy (A Crow, 1-2 tay); 2. Archer, 3, Garrylucas 7 ran Mon I 1. My Wee Man (G Barfool-Sauril, 20-1)
2. Lakasade Lad, 3, Wolfie Smith 14 ran Midn' II-1, Samule (Miss P Cundry, 3-1 lav), 2, Lindalghier, 3, A Few Loilare More, 13 ran Infermedate 1, Warmor Bard (M Portman, 5-2 lav) 2, Forest Fountain, 3, Judy Line 13 ran Ladies 1, Di Stelano (Miss A Date 2-7 lav); 2. Dermg Bud, 3, Andrico Gale 8 ran Rest 1, 1, Milatty Player (P McAlister 6-1), 2 Western Harmony, 3, Real Genr 14 ran Rest II, 1, Basil Street (A Philips 11-10 lay), 2, Wooden Mirestel, 3 How Friendly 12 ran

championship.

Pip Jones is probably the best woman rider in Britain

Larkhill that afternoon.

Days and Hollow Sound.

ficulty of that," Stoute said. "The horse has been in Dubai since January 31 and has done some strong work. I am pleased with his condition, although there is no effective rehearsal for him racing against 12 upponents on sand for the first time."

the big-race line-up. Such

The British quintet has all spent part of the winter acclimatising in Dubai. So. too, have Sorbie Tower and Needle Gun, who are to be aimed at the Dubai Duty Free Stakes, a \$500,000 consolation race for horses failing to make

tions are pressing ahead with the challenge. And the place of Helissio, Europe's top-rated horse last season, has yet to be confirmed. His participation hinges on a gallop in Dubai on Friday after heavy rain post-poned his intended workout on Sunday, However, Helissio has pleased connections since he arrived in the Emirate six weeks ago and is expected to take his chance.
Of the duo trained in Dubai,

World Cup field has resulted

in a high-quality cast: the

average rating for the 13

candidates is 122. "That is

slightly up on last year's running." Kevin Greely, Du-bai's racing secretary, said. "It

is a record average rating for any international event."

Bijou D'Inde has already

tried his hand on the dirt

pointing third, but connec

Kammtarra, ridden by Frankie Dettori, recently prevailed in a leg of the Maktoum Sporting Challenge, but Key Of Luck - so impressive in the Duty Free Stakes when posting a faster time than Cigar in the main event 12 months ago ran below expectations in Bijou D'Inde's race ten days

Closer to home. Norman Williamson is confident of riding at the Grand National meeting despite a heavy fall at Leonardstown on Sunday. The jockey, who was signed off for a mandatory seven days with concussion, suffered hand and facial injuries.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market Worthington Lincoln

HANDICAP Doncaster, March 22

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Grand Musica	14-1	12-1	12-1	115
Roving Minstrel	14-1	14-1	14-1	12-1
Russian Music	14-1	14-1	16-1	16-1
Sky Dome	16-1	20-1	16-1	16-1
Rockforce	20-1	16-1	16-1	20-1
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Kala Sunrise	20-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
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THE Worthington Lincoln Handicap, traditional curtain raiser to the Flat season, provides the first leg of the nigh-impossible Spring Double, which is completed by the Grand National, With the draw having less effect on the result in recent years, particularly when the ground is fast, the Lincoln is a fair medium for ante-post betting. Attament has been well supported this recent weeks after the provider of service account work on this prefere. It will need to

reports of some good work on the gallops, but will need to improve judged on his efforts in public and makes no appear Improve judged on his efforts in public and makes no appeal at a best-piced 9-1.

Kusia Upis has also been heavily becled of late, and appears to have more solid credentials. He has had little chance to show his true ability, having run just live times, with his only win coming in a slowly run mile median at York He subsequently failed to stay an exits test furious at the subsequently failed to stay an exits test furious at the subsequently failed to stay an exits test furious at the subsequently failed to stay an exits test furious at the subsequently failed to stay an exits test furious at the furious furious to finish said to Fehim in a competitive handlary. He has find the benefit of a recent outing on the all-weather, where he finished a staying on fourth at Wolferhamptine, and his trainer, Paul Cole, left the run yould have put him night for the Unicon. With Richard Quing booked, REALE LIPES is a fear.

bet at 12-1 with Coral:
Hawkeley Hill showed progressive form last season, with angle a competitive handicap at Newmarket in October, and bis makes more appeal than New Century, who may be test on-

a turning track.

Roving Ministrel, winner two veers ago ago runner up last season, will have been aimed at the race again but has been done few lavours by the handlcapper, who has him on a 2b higher mark than 12 months ago.

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18.43 (MARASAN 24 (F) S) M Coome 14-10-0

6 Supple (5) (14) from the American St. Addies 6-1 Magazieros, 8-1 Decide Yoursell, (b) 1 Septim (c) 1 1 and Tarin

TRAINERS At Longhure 5 winners from 14 numbers 35 7%, K Barley, 5 horn 17 months, 6 Buckley, 12 horn 52, 23 15, U Editord, 25 horn 17 months in 18 headerson, 6 horn 31, 19 4%, G Balding, 31 horn 64 JOLEUS (1964) 11 winners from 95 rules 22.6% D Bridgmaler 12 from 65 (1965) 1 (Freedign to from 57-16.2% D Morre, 15 from 93 (6.3%) 1 uplus Minchell 3 from 23 (13.6%)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SEDGEFIELD ...

THUNDERER 2.10 Posted Abroad. 2.40 D'Arbley Street, 3.10 Twin Falls. 3.40 Le Denstan. 4.10 The Sharrow Legend.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 HALF DECENT. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.10 STANLEY RACING SERIES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,253: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

9-3 Undparterschodna. 3-7 Stylish Internal, 4-1 Gazarali, 8-1 Saunio, 10-1 Posted Abroad, 14-1 Weapons Free, 16-1 others.

2.40 STANLEY CASINOS NOVICES CHASE (£2,770: 3m 3f) (7)

1 U134 D'ARBILAY STREET 19 (RF.G.S) Nº kenep 8-11-8... R Garniny EB 2: F655 CDQ. WEATHER 40 (8) P Overstrough 9-11-2... R Supple 91 4: 7 4F40 TACTOX 24 Ness M Millinger 7-10-11. . . . B Stoney 5-4 D'Arbay Sered, 4-1 Tactox, 6-1 Niss Colette, Cool Weather, 8-1 others

3-1 Harpierent, 4-1 The Shancon Legend, Erai, 5-1 Kings Munstral, 6-1 Miles Stan, 7-1 Mayor Hage, 20-1 Burany Buck, 25-1 others.

4.40 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,169-2m 11) (6) 1 6853 DUR KRIS 28 (R.D.6) M Somersby 5-12-0. . . . D Parker 94
2 350 SUMMERHILL SPETAL 20 (S) D Barber 6-11-10 J Callegham 88
3 /13 ASTRALEON 500 (F.G.R Allan 9-11-6 . . S Moircon (7) 90
4 0F30 BEND SABLE 20 (C.F.S.) E Droyr 7-11-5 . . B Somer 97
5 3045 GLENUGE 12 (CD.F.S.) E Morre 6-10-4 . . . N Bestley 98
6 0332 FRYUP SATELLITE 13 (S) Mr. / Brown 6-10-2 Miss P Robson 94

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRADIERS: Mrs M Reveley, 70 witners from 242 noncers, 28 9%, 7 Late, 6 from 21, 28 6%; Mrs D Thomson, 3 from 13, 23 1%, 1 Lango, 8 km 42, 19,0%; G Moore, 21 from 129, 16.3%, Mrs A Swinbank, 6 from 40, 15,0%. DOCKEYS: P Novem, 57 annexes from 180 rides, 31 7%, S Mahmeti, 3 from 10, 30 PS, J Cattaghan, 17 from 105, 16 PS, J Sepple, 12 from 75, 16 O's, M Foster 3 from 23, 13 O's, E Cattaghan, 3 from 27, 11 1%.

11-4 Our No.: 3-1 Fryup Saidlite, 7-2 Askalena, 9-2 Bend Sable, 7-1 others.

UTTOXETER

2.50 Redmore Brandy

3.50 AFTER THE FOX (nap) 4.20 The Brewer

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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GOING. GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

surface, finishing a disap-2.20 KING STURGE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,889: 3m 2f) (8 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

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302		TOAT CHEFTAIN 479F (Mas & Emberch) Note 4 Emberos 5-11-1. R. Johnson	=
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234	D	STEPLE 8 (C Speci J Pictaing 6-10-10	_
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210		TUDOR FALCOR 39 (B) (P Bracis) P Eracus, 4-10." S Wymae	
311	D	WITHERKAY 18 (5 Harding & Pagners) P Nicholls 4-10-7 O Burrows (5)	_
212		ASSALOGICAL 13 (Clastop Rights Pathershop Ltd.) D McCam 4-13-2 D Watch 6	
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3.20 MONTRACON HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,622: 3m 110yd) (5 numers) 1PP114 BANKHEAD 17 (D.F.G.S.) (No. 1. Brazier) J. Specing 9-11-10 Miles C. Specing (7) 97
212400 LANSDOWNE 45 (D.E.S.) (R. Dermead) P. Nicholts 9-11-2. A. P. McCoy 98
240-240-252 SAIGHT 100 17 (D.B.F.G.) Sorth Macaded Med Co.) Mr. J. Perman 9-10-8 R. Parrani 88
240-266 FOX CHAPEL 15 (C.G.S.) (B. Hine) R. Juckes 10-10-0. W. Marston 76

BETTIMG: 9-4 Smain Too, 3-1 Lansdowne, 7-2 Bankhead, What's Your Story, 8-1 Fox Chapel 1998: ERZADJAN 5-9-12 & Cabril (9-2) Mrs M Revoley 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANKHEAD best Scotiny 21 in handscap hardle at Caepstow (3m, soil) on perulimate start. LANS-DOWNE 1294 4th or 15 to General Tonic in handscap bundle at Caepstow (3m, soil) WHAT'S YOUR 1201 (3th bester off) 654 4th, FOX CHAPEL about cap handle at Caepstow (3m, soil) WHAT'S YOUR 1441 6th or 24 to hordedaste in selling handleap handle at Weston (2m 6i 110yd, good) Switch TOO Selection: Switch TOO Selection: Switch TOO

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1-0-10354 I DTAL ASSET B (R.) (F. Ideober A Ferbes 7-10-13 ... Sary Lyons 97

PASIGUI CURRACH PETER 45 (D Bickerton) Mrs P Bickerton 10-10-13 ... Guy Lewis (3) 85

0-802 BOOTS N ALL 36 (Mrs T Tipper) 6 Belding 7-10-13 ... A P McCourl SP 204 ANOTHER CURREDY 13 (The Anothes Cornelly Partnership) R Lee 7-10-8 R Johnson - PRS286 HEARN/MRDS BOY 10 (8.6.5) (I. Morpari) O McCan 7-10-8 ... D Watesh 90

PM444PF MROYTEROMORESINESS 37 (Mr Behards) R Lee 8-10-7 ... W Marston - 9AASSP-0 SWEET BUCK 117 (R Pupi) R Pupi 8-10-1 ... Mrs Sharmat -

BETTING: 3-1 Boots N All. 7-2 Aller The Fox. 6-1 Total Asset. 8-1 Ainsi Soil II. Astral Invasion, Curragh Peter, 12-1 Quile A Main, 16-1 officers.

1996: WREKENGALE 6-10-6 W Marston (10-1) Mrs J Pilman 11 ran FORM FOCUS

AFTER THE FOX beat Mozano 91 in 4-rutner novice chase at Yaunton (2m 31, good). AINSI SUIT 8 42nd of 8 to Mintmount in handkrap handle at Pollaschoe (2m 61 1104c), heavy)
CARRAGH PETER 261 3rd of 5 to Woodlandge in some chase at Doncaster (3m 31 1104c) good in more chase at Doncaster (3m 31 1104c) good in some chase at Doncaster (3m 31 1104c) and of 16 to Cardinal Rule in novice handledge chase at Hereford (2m soit).

4.20 STREBEL BOILERS & RADIATORS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,316. 2m) (15 numers)

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tions handicae: Rowacz 9-5. Them Times 9-2 BETTING: 4-1 Galvay Boss, 9-2 Beechield Flyer, 6-1 Cloumel Hows, The Brewer, 10-1 Kidnummy Casik, 12-1 Morningia Escapade, Bartan Scimp, 16-1 others 1996: MORTHERN SINGER 6-10-0 7 Dascombe (9-1) R Horiges 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

(23,044: 2m 4: 110y0) (14 numbers)

601 1-4501 SELVER THYME I7 (D.G.S) (R & E HECHINE) Mrs. J. Phrose 5-11-4. D Leahy (8)

602 454-042 CHARLEY LAMBERT 15 (R Machell) J. Mache 6-11-2. E Husband (3) 93

603 059-007 DAN DE MAN 20 (D Pouller Partnership) Mrs. L Siddai 6-11-2. S Wymne 73

604 106-87 DECTUM 15 (S) flate R Humphertes Mrs. H Mrs. H Siddai 6-11-2. J Callony 96

605 D-00 GMMTHAN 59 (Mrs. R Humphertes) Mrs. H John 6-11-2. J Railon
606 D-00 GMMTHAN 59 (Mrs. H Pouls) Mrs. L D Famer 5-11-2 (Soy Lines (3)
607 ON MAN OF THE MATCH 31 (Mrs. E Pearre) Mrs. J Perna 7-11-2. R Farrant
608 45003 MRSPHESI 31 (9) (Mrs. M Pouls) D Machelson 8-11-2. R Johnson 92

609 336 (PUT BLACK UK 49 (A Lose) P Hobb. 6-11-2. J Froct 80

610 OSS SELDING TO (Mrs. E Expland) J MacCommorble 8-11-2. S Wymne 86

611 41-20F9 SOLUK 10 SPEAK 29 (5) (Executive Racing) Mrs. H Reight 5-11-2. DOUGTEL 86

612 OSS SETROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. A P MacCommorble 8-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (D Mrs. M Pouls) STROMS TEL 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept. 18 (T Noin) M Pipo 7-11-2. T R Sept.

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Selection CHARLEY LAMBERT COURSE SPECIALISTS Trainers Wites Parts & JOCKEYS

K Wingrove M Pipe C Egerton D Nicholson K Balley J Fitzgesald 34 59 20 30 46 37 BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Sedgefield: 2 10 Rye Rum Uttoweter: 2 50 Tudor Falcon

Fine reduced

MARY REVELEY had her fine reduced from £1,000 to £600 after appealing yesterday against her punishment over the running of Supreme Target as Sedgefield last

Tuesday.



EGLINTON (Lanark) Hunt 1. Bitolanatier (R Mongan, 1-5 fay, finished alone a ran Confined 1. Smon Joseph (R Mongan, 4-1), 2. Nova Nija, 3. Benghazu 8 ran Ladies 1. Rob Prior (Misr V) Jack-son, 6-4 fay), 2. Very Evident, 3. Press For Action, 7 ran Men's Open' 1, Howayman (A Parket, 4-6 fay); 2. Todorag, 3. Borsen Owen 8 ran Rest 1, Getants Delight (A Robson, 4-6 fay), 2. Culevas, 3. Will Travel 8 ran Open Midn' 1, Don Carlos (P Craggs, 10-1), 2, Shine A Light, 3, Cookie Boy, 13 ran Open Midn 1, Riding Hills Gall (D Wood, 14-1); 2. Tolman, 3, Indian River, 10 ran, Open Midn II: 1, Thinkabouthal (J Mur, 7-1), 2. Primilive Streak, 3. Mr Cosmo 10 ran WEST STREET-TICKHAM (Defing) Hunt
1. Bright Hour (Mess J Grand, 8-1) 2
Emerald Moon, 3. Bright Crusador, 10 ran
Confined: 1, Shuggles Glovy (D Robinson
Evens fav), 2. Ok Corral, 3, Mountamus
Valley 18 ran Ladess; 1, Pardon Me Mum
(Mrs & Coverier, 2-1 Jay), 2. Upread Couge
3. Doran's Town Lad 11 ran Men's Open
1, The Artul Rassell (N Bloom 1-2 hrs), 2.
Stade Quarter, 3, Anmo Chilone, 9 ran
Rest 1, Oephan Olly (P York, 5-1), 2. Volka
3, Chenyasyle, 11 ran Open Midn, 1
Primitive King (P Hacking, 6-4 Lay), 2. Hall
Moon Sprincy, 3, Target Time, 10, an
Midn, 1. Phaedair (M Jones, 7-1), 2. Crock
D'Or, 3, Respens Reward, 16 ran BARTON SCAMP 12% 44th of 14 to Green Green
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Ludlow (2m, good to firm). GALWAY BOSS heart 1 2042 BOLSHIE BARON 19 (F) M Weston B-11-8 2 4PSP CRUISE CONTROL 15 R Howe 11-11-8. 3 P-UC THE WHOLE MOL 102 K Jacky B-11-8 4 6-00 BONITA BLAKENEY 48 G Balding 7-11-3 3.10 ROBIN AND JOHN SIMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,754: 2m 5f) (4) 5-4 (se: Whide Hug & 4 Botsan, Bason, 5-1 (space Control 8-1 Bonda Blakeney 1 5431 CROSS CANNON 7 (CD.F.G) J Wade 11-12-2 (Seu.) B Storey 22 5313 TWN FALLS 11 (F.G.S) 6 Moore 6-11-6 ... Collaptan 90 6 6 6 7 F F F GASTER 40 (D.G.) Mar Milligan 10-11-2 E Calaptan (3) 90 4 4334 RISKY OEE 5 (C.F.G) V Thompson 8-10-0 R Supple 87 4.50 sq magazine national hunt novices hurdle HESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS 3.30 GRAND SPLENDOUR HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,044: 2m 4f 110yd) (14 numers) Evens Cross Cannon, 2-1 Tonn Falls, 7-2 The Teaster, 8-1 Risky Dee (£2.807, 2m &l 110vd) (8) 1 PO.3 WAX KNOT ALL 29 (F G) 1 McGovern 6-11-12
66-44 SANURGZ EATS POWN 11 (F,G) J Endages 7-11-9
8 3 GF VINTACE CLARFT 17 I Failand 8 11-6
9 STID PAIGNTSWAY 12 (CDES) R Burbles 10-11-0
9 PSUS SORBERE 99 (B.F.) N Henderson 10-10-12
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200 3.40 MARY REVELEY RACING CLUB MOVICES CHASE 11-4) 3. Lucker (K Johnson, 16-1) ALSO RAN, 33 Nine Pipes (I) 4 ren NR Swith Riposte 4I, dist. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn Tote: £1.30 DF: £1.10 CSF, £1.63 Sassiver (7-1) Monbald: 7-2 fav (un) 9 fan 1 st, 31 M Banks Tote £7 91 £1 90, £2 10, £2 50 DF £35 90 fac £54 00 £35 £39 41 Tacast £247 69 (£2,754; 2m 5f) (7) 1 H410 DAWN LAI 42 (DD.G) Mrs A Sembenk 8-11-8 J Supple 83 2 3544 LE DENSTAN 32 (DD.) Mrs O Thomson 10-11-8 D Parker 94 3 -321 RIMER LINSHOW 19 (S) J Howard Johnson 7-11-8 A Dobbin E9 4 -DP2 MASTER FLASHMAN 7 Mrs M Reveloy 8-11-2 P Rivers 91 5 ULBS MOST RICH 13 (V) 8 Passon 9-11-2 E Calleghan (3) 72 6 QP-0 PARSONS BELLE 11 Mrs C Benergia 9-10-1 Mrs M Thompson -1 (separa - Charlet A.) Wellison (2011 9-1) Superpotent's Point 5-1 Packbysistry 6-1 where R. J. Never Longitten (10-1) other; BETTING: 7-2 Morpheus, 4-1 Silver Tryne, 9-2 Charley Lambert, 5-1 Duckum, Strong Tel, 14-1 Pot Black LIK, 16-1 Bellicium, 20-1 others 6-4 Ring Unships, 5-2 Master Plasterian, 5-1 Le Denstan, Down Lad., 16-1 others 4.00 HORSE AND HOUND CHARLTON HUNT CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE 4.10 STANLEY RACING GOLDEN NUMBERS SERIES NOVICES HURDLE (52,253: 2m 51 110yd) (12) 1996: WILD WEST WIND 6-11-10 J F Tidey (7-4 tax) Miss H Knight 13 ran (Amateurs £1,562 2m 3l) (8) FORM FOCUS

Pick your team, sit tight ... and hope for the best



THERE are many different approaches to Interactive Team Football. For some, the urge to transfer every week is irresistible. Others prefer a more sanguine approach. trusting in their original selections.

The transience of form and of health ensures that the former method wins out much more commonly, but it is pleasing to report a winner in the latter category today. Mr I. Bradbury, of Eastbourne, has not altered his ITF team since August, and is rewarded at last with the £250 weekly

He was assisted largely by Kevin Gallacher's goalscoring burst. The Blackburn Rovers forward scored a hat-trick against Wimbledon on Saturday, and also found the back of the net against Nottingham Forest a week ago. Mr Bradbury's team. Day Dreamers, which scored 50 points, also had useful contri-butions from Dave Watson, of Everton, and Mark Bosnich.

Mr Bradbury's team is:

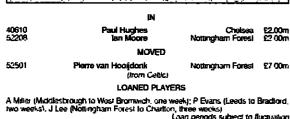
M Bosnich (Aston Villa)

Full backs R Elliott (Newcastle) G Neville (Manchester Utd)

Central defenders D Watson (Everton) D Wetherall (Leeds)

Midfield players J Barnes (Liverpool) L Bowyer (Leeds) M Thomas (Liverpool) D Wise (Chelsea)

J Jefferies (Hearts) THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS Paul Hughes Ian Moore MOVED





Mark Hughes's goals for Chelsea this week boosted his tally in Interactive Team Football to 44 points

Goalkeeper Keeps clean sheet

Keeps clean sheet' Scores goal

Midfield player Keeps clean sheet

Scores goal

Goalkeeper Concedes goal

Full back/Central defer

must have played for 75 minutes in the meto

Full back/Central defender

Scores goal Saves penalty

You can use the ITF transfer system to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's League premier

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 866 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668. When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team

does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club. you are lagging the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an

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ENTER A NEW TEAM TODAY

THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON **EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH**

The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below. Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

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- 4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or I player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
- 5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
- a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.

c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.



NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

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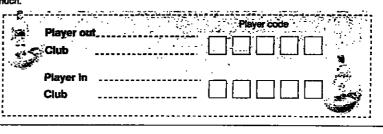
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You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two longer transfers will be rejected and tought and have no more than two longers. from the same club, incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.



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All other inquiries can be made on 01532 488 122. THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

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50201	! Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0+57
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50301	Ď Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	+1+65
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0+33
50303	T Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00	0+14
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	+1 +9
0402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers		+16+50
0404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers		0+38
0405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0 +3
0406 0407	P Pedersen	n Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	1.00 2.50	+2 +6
0501	P van Hooljdon	k Celtic	7.00	+1+44
0502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	+2+74
0601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	+3+39
0602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	+6+44
0605	M Stein G Zola	Chelsea Chelsea	0.50 5.00	0 0
0701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	0+32
0702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	-1+32
0703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	0 +4
2105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	+1+33
0801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	0+37
0802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0 +7
0803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	+1+28
0804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0+18
0903	K Olafsson	Dundee United	3.00	+6+15
1001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	0+12
1002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	-2+26
	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	+1+39
1901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	+1+40
1102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	+1+34
1104	P Rideout	Everton	2.00	0 +3
1105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	+1 +9
1201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	+1+47
202	C Cameron D Beckford	Hearts Hearts	3.50 0.50	+1+46
1301	K Wright	Hibemian	3.00	0+23
1302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	+1+47
1401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	+6+53
1501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	+2 +4
1502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	+2+31
504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	+2+31
1601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	+1+45
1602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	0+34
1603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0 +7
1604	i Marshali	Leicester City	0.75	+3+39
605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	+1 +2
701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	+8+63
702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0+45
801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	+1+39
802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	0+17
803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	+2+15
804	O G Solskiaer	Manchester United	3.00	+1+43
905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	+1+68
	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	+3+26
2001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	+1+44
902	O Coyle	Motherwell	2.00	0+27
2002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	0+17
0401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	0+70
2101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	0+50
102	F Asprilia	Newcastle United	6.50	+4+12
	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	+3+32
2201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	+2+40
2202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0+12
2203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0 0
204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0+33
205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0 +7
2206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0 0
2207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0 +1
301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00 6.00	+1+26
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2403	A McCoist	Rangers	5.00	0+37
2404	P van Vossen	Rangers	6.00	0 0
2405	S Rozental	Rangers	4.00	0 +3
2501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+3+23
2502 2504	A Booth G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday		+1+51+2+32
2505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	Ō O
2506	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	7.00	+1+19
2601	M Le Tissier	Southampton		+2+41
2605	E Ostenstad	Southampton	2.00	+2+42
2606	M Evans	Southampton	0.75	+2 +2
2701	P Stewart	Sunderland	1.00	+3 +9
2702	C Russell	Sunderland	1.00	+1+20
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42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	+2+26
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42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0 +9
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42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4,00	+3+54
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+1+16
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	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0+13
42510		Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	+2+30
42511	B Carbone		2.50	+3+35
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42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	+2+24
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42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0 +6
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60301	B Little	Aston Villa_	3.50	+1+41
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+4+24
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	2+65
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61101	J Rovie	Everton	3.00	+3+26
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	+3+37
61302	J Duffy	Hibemian	1.00	-1 +6
61402	W Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	+6 +7
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	0+28
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	1+31
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	+4+54
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	+3+59
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62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	1+19
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62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	0+10
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62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	+3+24
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	+4+15
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HOCKEY

England regret absence of **Giles**

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ENGLAND were outmanoeuvred by Germany, who scored once in each half in the only match played yesterday in the five-nation Golden Jubilee tournament here.

Having squandered 15 short corners in two days, seven against the Germans, England must have yearned for their specialist, Calum Giles. who has spent the season playing for a Dutch club. Garcia and Waugh took turns at striking the corners against

Germany without luck. In a tranquil match, more noise was made by the an-nouncers than the small

With superb control and sound positional sense. Gerany dictated the course of play. They seized the initiative midway through the first half. Blunck, their centre half, starting the move that gave

Bechmann his first goal in the fourteenth minute. Germany put the issue beyond doubt in the 57th minute, with Bechmann scoring from a short corner for his

second goal. ENGLAND: D Luckes, J Wallis, B Garrard, A Humphrey, G Fordham, B Sharpe, V Pidook, J Lee, R Crutchley, R Garda, M Peam Substitutes used: W Waugh, N Conway, D Hall, S Head

Oliver Holt on a British club sowing the seeds of success on American soil

Monarchs strive to spread the gospel

The grass has grown long at the Roy Richards Memorial Stadium on the outskirts of town and wild onions are sprouting from the sidelines. A sign says the uneven pitch is the home of the Central High School Lions, "The home of champions", but this spring it is playing host to a different team.

Sometimes, the students come out to watch the London Monarchs training and last week the local marching band happened by to practise a drill. Occasionally, the sound of a truck's horn blaring on the freeway to Atlanta a mile away drifts in on the same wind that rattles ropes against a flagpole. But the loudest noise is the thud of breath being knocked out of the players as they crash into each other.

After two hours of hard practice in the mornings, the Monarchs go back to their spartan rooms at the nearby Days Inn, grab lunch, get any injuries attended to and then practise

again in the late afternoon. In the evening they watch game tapes. They are allowed an hour of free time but there is little to do in Carrollton, a town of strip malls and fast-food joints an hour's drive from Atlanta. near the Georgia state line with Alabama. Anyway, there is an 11pm

curfew, enforced by a bed check. This is the unseen world of American football, a world as far away from the glamour and razzmatazz of the Superbowl as a basement Nationwide League game on a wet Tuesday night is from the Cup Final. It is hard graft for low wages in a onehorse town a long way from home.

In some ways, the 55 players who spend most of March here are clinging to the underside of the sport by their fingertips. Fifteen of them will not even make it onto the

Monarchs' roster for the first game of England. "At the moment we do not against the Frankfurt Galaxy on April 13. The rest will spend that season striving for a berth in the National Football League (NFL).

But, despite the drudgery of train-ing camp, despite the fact that the Monarchs, England's only representative in the World League of American Football, won only four of their ten games last season, there is optimism about their prospects in the

games ahead and beyond. Part of it is because of their impending move to Stamford Bridge this season, a more accessible fashionable venue than their old base at White Hart Lane. Part of it is because of the recruitment of Clive Allen, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Eng-

'This is the unseen world, far from the razzmatazz'

land striker, as the team's kicker. His eagerness to learn, coupled with the fact that he is articulate and personable, has already made him a

valuable ambassador for the team. "I've been incredibly impressed with the professionalism of every-body involved in the Monarchs' operation." Allen said. "The players. in particular, are model professionals. The technique of kicking is very different to soccer but I was a penaltytaker throughout my career so I at least have an insight into the pres-

sures involved." Much of the optimism, though, emanates from the enthusiasm of the Monarchs' new general manager, Alton Byrd. A former basketball star, Byrd took up the post in January and has begun the task of trying to popularise American football in

the new World League season have a bottom-up policy." Byrd said. "There is no American football being played at the grass roots, no real attempt to get the kids interested. We never get a father telling us about the game his son played in Regent's Park on Saturday morning. Hopefully, the NFL is going to help us change that this year by bringing in a few programmes.

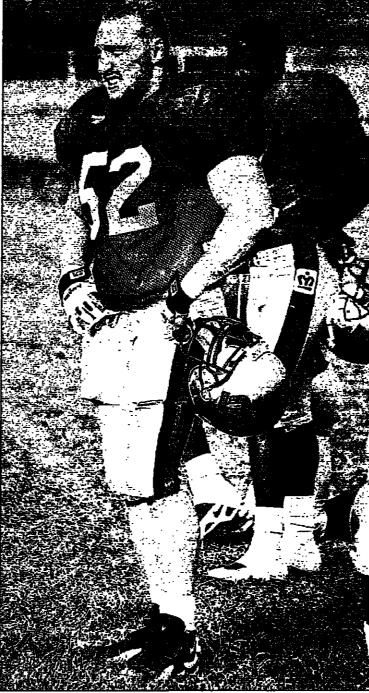
'My main remit at the Monarchs is to make them a 12 months-a-year business, to increase awareness, maximise commercial activity and get more partners involved. But I want to make it hip and cool to play football, too. The NFL wants us to succeed and we know we are the key franchise in the league and that we will get things right off the pitch. If we get it right on the pitch,

too, the crowds will come and the sport will grow."

Byrd's theory is borne out in the story of Karl Ballard, a linebacker and one of the regulation seven English

players on the team. A rugby player at school in Woolwich, he had seen small groups playing American foot-ball in Finsbury Park but had never even watched a game before he moved to New York when he was 17 and was talent-spotted by a teacher. He won a college scholarship to the highly rated Colorado State University and was chosen by the Monarchs during the winter.

When I tried out for the Monarchs, it was the first time I had really come up against English players and I was very impressed with what I saw," Ballard said. "Sports like rugby and soccer help with lateral movement and, if the NFL continues to get behind the Monarchs, I don't see any reason why kids should not start taking it up in greater numbers in England.



Ballard, one of the Monarchs' British-born players, believes American football can take off in Britain with NFL backing

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Australian sprinter who fin-ished fifth in the 1993 world championships 200 metres, was yesterday banned for four years when an arbitration panel found him guilty of using anabolic steroids (John Goodbody writes). A three-man board of the International Amateur Athletic Federation overturned a ruling last year by an Australian tribunal that had cleared Capobianco of doping charges because of doubt about the sample's chain of custody.

who has Capobianco, vowed to fight the case in a civil court, was allowed to run at the Atlanta Olympic Games after being cleared by an independent tribunal called by Athletics Australia.

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Rugby union: Moseley, the Courage Clubs Championship second division club, have escaped a two-point penalty for fielding an unregistered player in their defeat at Bedford in November. The Rugby Football Union's competitions sub-committee initially indicated that they would dock Moseley two points for play-ing Andy Freke, a lock, but the Birmingham club has won its appeal and escaped with a reprimand for maladministration.

Henman stays

Tennis: Tim Henman, the Great Britain No I, retained his world ranking of 16 in the list issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals yesterday, despite being inactive for the past fortnight because of an inflamed elbow. Henman plays in the Lipton championships that begin in Key Biscayne, Florida, on Thursday.

Donnelly out

Athletics: Dermot Donnelly, of Northern Ireland, has been forced to withdraw from the Great Britain team for the world cross country championships in Turin on Sunday with a hamstring injury. Paul Roden, of Sale, joins the team with Justin Pugsley becoming ... the travelling reserve.

England first

Cricket: For the first time in land beat Wales in indoor matches for the disabled. They won by five wickets in the zodiac category, which is for players who are severely dis- " abled, and by 79 runs in their Zemith event. AESULTS: Zodiac: Wales 73 (13.1 overs); England 74-5 (13.4) Zemith: England 181-8 (25 overs), Wales 102 (194).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership Wimbledon v West Ham (7 45) Nationwide League First division Stoke v Wolverhampion (7 45) . . . Tranmere v Manchester City (7 45)

Second division Bristol City v Rotherham (7.45) Crewe v Milwall Preston v Wrexham (7.45) Walsall v Blackpool (7 45) ... Wallord v Bristol Rovers (7.45) Cardiff v Scarborough

Auto Windscreens Shield Cartisle v Stockport (7 45) Southern final, second leg Colchester (0) v Peterborough (2) (7 45) Vauxhall Conference Famborough v Welling (7 45) Rushden & Diamonds v Fettering (7.45)

Morecambe v Macclesheld (7 45) GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersing

DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucester v Ashtord, Halesomen v Dochester (7 45), Sudbury Town v Atherstone Midland division: Bisson v Raunds Town, Grantham v Moor Green; skeston v Hinddey Town; Stahord v Sutton Cotdfield Town. Southern division: Fleet Town v Ertih and Belvedere, Weymouth v Fereham, Yale v Crencester Town of Redbridge (7 45), Bromley v Sutton United; Erifield v Carshallon; Grays v Purfleet, Hendon v St Abrars (7 45), Staines v V eading Postponed; Grays v Browney v Beating Postponed; Grays v Todoring and Micham Sacond division: Banstead v Were, Berting v Leatherhead, Brachell v Boyware, Challont St Peter v Tibury; Coller Row and Romford v Horsham; Hemel Hempstead v Bedford Town Trild division: Brantree v Harlow; Ningsbury v Horschund;

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ision: Sheffield Wednesday v Blackburn (70) First division; Notis County v Coventry (7 0) First division: NOtis County v Coverity
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Herne Bay; Tumbridge Wells v Stade Green;
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division: Bactwell v Bridgwaler Birstol
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Brache Sparta; Harpenden v Biggleswodo;
Langlard v Arlesey Porters Bar v Toddington
Rovston v Welwin Garden
COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord v Vilung
Sports, Cove v Sandhurst

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton Collienes v Kidsgrove; Blackpool Rovers v Burscough: Glossop North End v Bootle; Nantwich Town v Prescot Cables, Newcastle Town v V zouhail GM; Satlord v Mossley.

ESSEX SERNIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord Rangers v Bowers, Southend Manor v Burnham Ramblers, Stansted v Boord JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Woodbridge Town, Des v Wirochart; Lowestoft v Gorieston, March v Buy Town, Newmarket v Fakerhem.

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UNILET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Haisham v Burgess Hit: Hassociat v Horsham YMCA: Quawood v Whisahawk; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Ringmer, Southmete v Selegy INTERLINK EXPRESS ALUANCE: Barwell v Petal V: Bloomet Town v Perstore T: Bridgnorth v Rushall O: Oldbury U v Halesowern H; Rocester v Chaserborn; Stapenhil v W Mid Police; Strastord T v Hindeley Affekt. Wilderhalt v Boldmere S! Michael NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield v Liversedge; Hatfeld Man v Pickerng, President's Cup: Final, first leg: Huchael Town V Belper Town. BASS. IRISH CUP: Quarter-timal replay; Limavady Uki v Orneyl (at Orneyl Town).

SCHOOLS MATCH: English Schools Snickers Under-19 Trophy: Monissesion HS v John Port (2.30) RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Gloucester v Army (7.0): Northampton v RAF (7.30) OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's home int championships (at Perin) champonsmips (a Penn)
GOLF: Sunningdale Foursomes
SKIING: British Land nahonal champion
ships (at Tignes, France)
SNOOKER, Benson and Hedgas Inst
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BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 84 Shef-field 83; Birmingham 95 London Towers 94 (double OT); Crystal Palace 79 Worthing 94.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division:
Md Sussex 85 Westminster 107: Wine 107
Oxford 105. Second division: Aston 85
South Bank 106; Sheffield 66 Northampton
54: Slough 66 Tharnes Valley 66; Swindon
48 London 88 Women: First division:
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101 Houston 80; New Jersey 89 New York. 74! Milwaukes 102 Indians 98; Orlando 100 Vancouver 89, Minnesota 119 Boston 101; Detrot 96 Seattle 83; Portland 106 LA Clippers 94; Dallas 89 Sacramento 88; LA

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PERTH, Scotland: British women's indoor champlonships: Pajrs: Semi-finals: England (M Jackin and C Anton) bi freland (B Dunkop and M Johnston) 28-24; Wales (C Morgan and J Davies) bt Scotland (J Brooksby and R Cenavan) 24-18 Triples: Semi-finals: hetund (K Magrath, H Hamilton and E Bell bt Scotland (A Baud, B Lesselts and J Woodkey) 17-14. Wales (M Ackeman, M Cox and J Thornton) bt England (M Malthy, A Whathold and P Liber) 20-14 Marthy, A Whishord and P Clark, 20-14 Fours: Semi-linals: Wates (J. Evans, S. Gouch, J. Daves and B. Morgan) bit England (P. Masker), A Allmond, K. Hawes and S. Lacey), 17-13, Scotland, (J. Johnstone, W. 18-14), M. Hammand, M. Hawes, M. Marthy, 18-14, 18

CYCLING

PARIS-NICE RACE: Ninth stage (inclinidual (me-ina), Annoes, 19 9(m); 1, V. Elimov (Russ) 22min 27sec. 2, E. Berzm (Russ) at 20sec. 3, T. Stoels (Bol) at 37; 4. A. Casero 205er 3, 1 Steets (Bot) at 37:4 A Casem (Sp) 37:5, 1 Aus (Est) 39 Leading final overall positions: 1, 1, Juliabori (Fr, 28th S6mn 06sec, 2, 1, Dullaux (Smb) at Time 5:4mc, 3 S Blanco (Sp) 1/25:4, Ewmov 1:45:5 P Charteau (Fr) 2/06 TIRRENO-ABINATICO RACE: Fourth stage (Temicaraut, 123um); 1 G Lombard, Illian 2350m; 1 J Syonatz (Cr); 3 G Magnasson (Swo), 4, R McEwer (Ass), 5, M (Sw); 1/25 and 1 cmp. Lenders and 1 Mary asson (Swo), 4, RMcEwen (Ass), 5, M Yout (Ger) at came time Leading overall positions: 1, R Petro (I) 15th 50mm (Sec., 2, 5 Panegondo (II) same lime, 3, B Zbero Switzi at (Zsec, 4, M Genale (II) at 23, 5, 0 Caparioto (II) 24

FOOTBALL

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ireland 5 FAI National League VI 1
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GOLF

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HOCKEY KARACHI: Five-nation tournament: Eng-

tail-down !: Disconfited c. Basket weave CERUMEN a. A logical absurdity

11-9; M Tremellen and R Layton bt C Saitmersh and T Macone 11-3, 11-4 Semi-finals: Fuller and Hebden bt Last and Brown 11-1, 11-4; Tremellen and Leighton bt Buchanan and Perry 11-2, 11-0 Final: Fuller and Hebden bt Tremellen and Leighton 11-6, 12-11, Women: Final: P Smith bt M Whitehead 15-2, 15-10.

FOR THE RECORD

MILTON KEYNES: Four-nation youth tournament: Under-16: Ireland 8 Wales 1. England 5 Scotland 1: Scotland 6 Wales 1: England 6 Ireland 3 Under-18: Ireland 3 Wales 2; England 6 Scotland 1: England 3 Ireland 2; Scotland 3 Wales 1. ICE HOCKEY

Manchester 4 Ayr 3; Group B; Basingstote 2 Sheffield 7.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Pool C; Great Britain Under-19 4 Latva Under-19 3 (Britain promoted to Pool B).

PREMIER LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS: Ungston 1 Swindon 5, Tellord 7 Guidford 8 (OT).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS: Apgston 5 File 11; Whittey 3 Passley 4. Shield: Peterborough 5 Murrayfield 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL); Washington 5 Hartford 3; Chicago 5 NY Islanders. 4: Toronto 3 Tampa Bay 1: Anahem 2 Calcany

RACKETS QUEEN'S CLUB: Peel, Hunt invitat

RUGBY FIVES

MALVERN COLLEGE: Winchester national doubles championships: Mem: Quarter-finals: I Fuller and B Hebden bt Blachham and E Printips 11-3, 11-1, P Last and A Brown bt M Buttersheid and R Seddon 11-5, 11-5, H Buchtana and R Perry bt I Purvis and D Bailey 5-11, 11-7,

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fourth leg: Latest positions (Sydney to Cape Town, with miles to Cape Town, as at 14:00 GMT vesterday) 1, Group 4.3907: 2 Save The Children 3,914; 3, Concert 3,916; 4, Oshiba Wave Warntor 3,918, 5, Global Teamwork 3,928, 6, Commercial Union 3,930; 7, Motorola 3,954; 8, Time & Tide 3,997; 9, Ocean Rover 4,010; 10, 3Com 4,017; 11, Courtaulds International 4,063; 12, Pause 10 Remember 4,085; 13, Nuclear dectric 4,087: 14, Heath Insured II 4,124 SKIING VAIL, Colorado: World Cup events; Men; Slatom: 1, F.C. Jagge (Nor) 1mm 37 94 sac 2, T. Stangassinger (Austhel: 1.38 06, 3, A

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: London Bron-cos 24 St Hetens 28 (at Stoop Merrional Ground). AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Cronula Sharks 34 Auckland Warriors 8.

SAILING

T Slangassinger (Austhal 1 38 05, 3, A Tomba (I) 1 38 19; 4, M Relier (Austha) 1 38,49; 5, M von Grünigen (Switz) 1 38 90 Leading final station standings: 1, T Sylvora (Austhal 695pts, 2, Stangassinger 670; 3, Jagge 374 Leading final overall standings: 1, L Alphand (Fr) 1,13pts, 2, A Alamodt (Nor) 1,096, 3, J Strob! (Austhal)

Matchpointed pairs

the ace-king of diamonds, and

the jack of hearts. The ace of

clubs as well would make 12

high-card points, with which

he would surely have opened

as dealer: nowadays hardly anyone refrains from opening

12-counts, particularly non-

vulnerable. South can use this

negative inference to place

East with the ace of clubs, and

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

lead confidently to the king.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Many so-called "guesses" become near-certainties on examination of the evidence. Take the club suit on this hand from the

EBU Autumn Congress Pairs in Bournemouth.

N-S game

♠K743 **♥**K753

•Q52

+AQ86

VAGB4

♦K 10 6

Contract: Four Hearts by South, Lead; ace of diamonds

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CERUSE

a. A wax candle

c. White lead

CERVELAT

b. Droit de seigneur

a. Smoked sausage

Answers on page 54

b. A stag's velvet

c. Frog's spawn

+97

÷J8

Dealer West

+952 **9L¥**

+ AK 10 4

+Q942

The jump raise was rather

pushy. Some North players,

reflecting upon the question-

able value of the doubleton

jack of clubs and absence of

intermediate cards, settled for

Two Hearts, which South of

Against Four Hearts West

defended by cashing the ace-

king of diamonds, and switch-

ing to a spade. After drawing

trumps, declarer appears to have a guess to play East for

In fact there is no guess at

all. West has shown up with

the ace or queen of clubs.

a. An aeroplane flying

b. A form of leprosy

course passed.

CABRE

TENNIS

1.021. Women: Stalom: 1 equal, L Magoni (t) and P Wiberg (Swe) 1min 35.77sec: 3, K Seonger (Gerl 1:36.31; 4, 1 Salvermoser (Austria) 1:38.97; 5, T Balder (Nr.) 1:37.31. Leeding final stalom standings: 1, Wiberg 770pts; 2, C Flegler (N.2) 418; 3, D Compagnom (t) 407. Leeding final overall standings: 1, Wiberg 1,980pts; 2, Selzinger 1,424; 3, H Gerg (Ger) 1,150 Nations Cup: Leading overall final standings: 1, Austria, 11,959; 2, Italy 8,921; 3, Switzerland 5,848; 4, France 4,951; 5, Germany 4,840; 20, Great Britain 2.

SNOOKER

SPEEDWAY SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Swendon 41 Coventry 49.

SOUASH

INDIAN WELLS, California: Men's tour-nament: Final: M Chang (US) bi B Ullhrach (Cz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3,

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

series, coinciding with the election campaign, about world leaders and politicians who have played

White: Jose Capablanca Black: Bonar Law and two other MPs in consultation London, December 29 1919 Ponziani Opening

2 NI3

d5 dxe4 Od5 Qa4 Nxe5

Bc4

Bg5 Nd2

Bxd3 Oc4+

Be3 Bc2

Qxc6

Rfe1

Ne4 Nc5

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Net

32 Nd5

Rc t

Prime players Today I continue my occasional

chess. How many British Prime Ministers are or have been chessplayers? Lord Callaghan certainly played against Helmut Schmidt, the former German Chancellor. I have seen Lord Callaghan playing with none other than Garry Kasparov. I have found a record of at least one other British Prime Minister playing chess: Andrew Bonar Law (1858-1923) who was Prime Minister from October 1922 to May 1923. It was Bonar Law who instigated a simultaneous display, given by Capablanca, at the House of

In the following game Bonar Law - plus allies - put up fierce resistance against the man who was to become world champion two years later. At one point the parliamentary team forces Capablanca to give up rook for bishop. In exchange, the Cuban maestro obtains a threatening mass of pawns on the queen's flank and the game concludes with an exciting pawn race on opposite which Capublanca wins.

Nc6

Kh8 Bd6 Rb5 Rh5 Rh4 Rg4+ Bb5+ Bxe2-Bd8 Bc7 h5

35 Rc5 а4 Rc5 Pac6

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Rb1

Pocc6

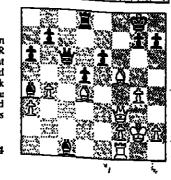
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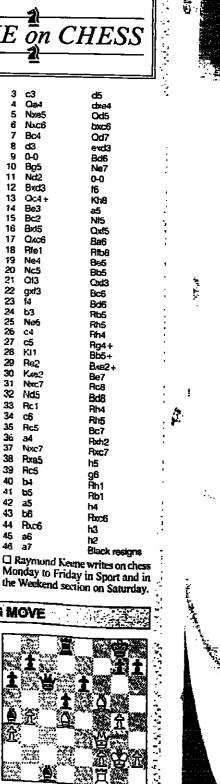
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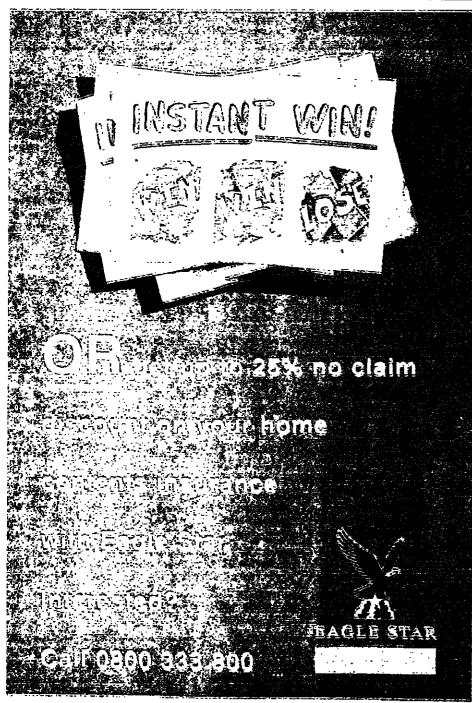
to score a quick win?

While to play. This position is from the game Havin - Gufeld, USSR 1956. White is a pawn down but has two very active, centralised hishops. In contrast the black bishops have been flung to the extremities of the board. How did White now combine these features

Solution on page 54



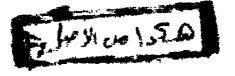




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Grandest of slams gives France reason to rejoice

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IACK ROWELL, the England coach, can quite properly revel in the advances made by England in the five nations championship - and the international season as a whole - but any one of the four home unions would give their eye-teeth for the achievements of France this side of Christmas. A grand slam at senior level is rare enough, a slam ar three distinct levels unique for

Victories over Scotland last Friday in the A and under-21 internationals ensured that the French cup runneth over. They have averaged 35 points a match in their four A games and 39 points a match in the under-21 programme. Considering that many of those players who wept tears of joy at the Parc des Princes on Saturday after their recordbreaking win over Scotland were deemed second choices a few months ago, it is a marvellous display.

"What is so satisfying is that the French team has won following the path we have drawn for them," Jean-Claude Skrela, the coach, said. Skrela FIVE NATIONS

would be better," he said.

For anyone who cared to

compare the internationals in Paris and Cardiff last Satur-

day, the fluency of the French

passing game was a pleasure

to see. England developed that

game in the second half of their match with Wales but in

a different, more conservative

France were perpetual mo-

tion from the start, with an

apparent ability to cut angles

at will, to play the ball short or

wide and disguise so effect-

ively the intentions of the

who played: Fabien Galthie,

Philippe Carbonneau and

Guy Accoceberry have played scrum half for France in the 1997 championship, Alain

Penaud, Christophe Lamaison

and David Aucagne have

played stand-off half. So much

for the virtues of a settled half-

back pairing, though La-

maison was far more effective

That his season may yet end

with a blemish depends upon

the findings of a five nations

committee hearing, either to-

morrow or Thursday and

probably in Dublin, to consider the Scottish Rugby Union's

decision to cite Lamaison for a

challenge on Craig Chalmers during the win over Scotland.

"I don't have the impression I fouled him," Lamaison said.

"I went in to stop the

Whatever the thoughts of

the national team manage-

ment on the dub structure,

therefore, it seems incontest-

able that the skills coached by

the clubs, who oversee player

development from minimes

upwards, are superior to those

of their British equivalents.

Lines of running and quality

of pass are ingrained from an

early age, not late additions

when a player graduates to a

The onset of full-blown pro-

fessionalism offers British

clubs, particularly those such

as Bath, who are able to set up

scholarship schemes with

local schools and universities.

the chance to ensure that

England's discovery of a running game which is enjoyable

to watch and successful to play

but which, as yet, has still a

They will be helped by

similar skills are taught.

representative team.

at centre.

move."

Nor did it appear to matter

player in possession.

CHAMPIONSHIP

has worked with an extended squad this season and the fruits of his labours, together with those of Pierre Villepreux and Jo Maso, are there for all to see. Classical French play has been grafted onto individual discipline.

Significantly, however, the management of the national team is having to set the example for the clubs. One may think that French club rugby is in good order, as they carried off both the European prizes too. Brive winning the Heineken Cup and Bourgoin (against Castres) the European Conference, but Skrela seeks greater elitism than the French championship offers. "If the game we play in the French team can be estab-

Homeless Wales seek refuge at Wembley

THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) hinted yesterday that it will take its home internationals to Wembley Stadium next season while Cardiff Arms Park is undergoing its Ell4 million rebuilding pro-gramme (David Hands writes). Though informal approaches were made last weekend to the Rugby Football Union (RFU) over the use of Twickenham, the programme of fixtures may prohibit any agreement between England and Wales.
"We have looked at a

number of possible sites, including Old Trafford and Villa Park, but the chosen venue is likely to be Wembley," Glanmor Griffiths, the WRU treasurer, who is also easy to get to London from Wales and we have to take into account the interests of

New Zealand, on November 15. and Scotland and France in the 1998 five nations' championship, but the autumn date clashes with England's game with Australia and, when Wales play France on April 4 next year, England play Ireland. Unless the matches were to be staged 24 hours apart. Twickenham would be out of the question. Griffiths seeks to avoid a

nomadic existence before the new Cardiff stadium is ready to handle its first match. Wales against Western Samoa in January 1999.

"Terry Cobner, our director of coaching, and Kevin Bowring, the national coach, have expressed a preference at one stadium next season so that the players can erly and I think that will happen." Griffiths said.

Sunshine lights up first day of sevens

Televico 15E



Action from the group B match between Epsom and Christ's Hospital. Epsom, the group winners, won 21-19

RESULTS FROM THE ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOLS SEVENS THE 58th Rosslyn Park Sevens was bathed in glorious

FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT

GROUP At St Paul's 17 Stown 12; Bryanston 17 Caterham 10; St Paul's 12 Caterham 26, Stown 17 Duke of York's 7; Stowe 18 Bryanston 26, St Paul's 24 Duke of York's 17; St Paul's 18 Bryanston 45, Duke of York's 15 Caterham 14, Stowe 29 Caterham 19; Duke of York's 5 Bryan-ston 35

cton 35
GROUP B: Christ's Hospital 38 Shebboar
5; Beths 7 Epsom 48; Christ's Hospital 19
Epsom 21; Shebboar 5 Eleamere 22.
Shebbear 40 Beths 12; Christ's Hospital 20
Eleamere 14; Christ's Hospital 39 Beths
10; Elleamere 15 Epsom 39; Colston's 14
Epsom 35, Eleamere 19 Beths 10.
GROUP C: Aylesbury 26 Gronalle 5; Douar
19 Truno 73; Aylesbury 27 Truno 26;
Grennille 0 Trent 55; Grennille 0 Douar 33,
Aylesbury 7 Trent 35; Aylesbury 3 Douari 10;
Irent 33 Truno 12; Grennille 5 Truno 40;
Irent 35 Douari 14
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GROUP D: King's, Canterbury 38 Blocham O: Weltington Cotlege 20 Worth 5, King's, Canterbury 31 Worth 5; Blocham 20 Ousen's, Taurison 17; Blocham 10 Welling-ton Cotlege 26; King's, Canterbury 40 Ousen's, Taurison 14, King's, Canterbury 12 Wellington College 17; Ousen's, Taurison 12 Wellington College 17; Ousen's, Taurison Ousen's, Taurison 21 Wellingson College 26

26
GROUP E: Hurstpierpoint 45 Sir Jos Williamson's 0; Windsor Boys 38 Hurtwood House 5; Hurstpierpoint 37 Hurtwood House 5; Hurstpierpoint 37 Hurtwood House 5 Sir Jos Williamson's 0 Windsor Boys' 39; Hurstpierpoint 34 Mybridge 0; Hurstpierpoint 31 Windsor Boys' 7; Mybridge 34 Hurtwood House 10; Sir Jos Williamson's 22 Hurtwood House 34; Mybridge 12 Windsor Boys' 24
GROUR 5; Althoryton 0; Brightron 10; Finn hybridge 12 Windsor Boys 24
GROUP P. Abingdon 0 Brighton 10; Eton
28 Cekham 19; Abingdon 24 Cekham 40;
Brighton 40 Austin Fiters 0; Brighton 40;
Eton 33; Abingdon 38 Austin Fiters 5;
Abingdon 10 Eton 26; Austin Fiters 5
Celtram 67 Brighton 45 Cekham 7; Austin
Friars 0 Eton 54

GROUP G: Whitgitt 7 St Peter's 27; Torbridge 19 Bromsgrove 34; Whitgitt 19 Bromsgrove 35, St Peter's 14 King's, Bruton 24; St Peter's 29 Torbridge 12; Whitgitt 14 king's, Bruton 38, Whitgitt 14

sunshine yesterday as the group stages of the festival competition—for those schools that play only one term of rugby — took place. The tournament this year is the biggest yet staged, with 383 teams taking part. Not all the entrants made it to the start. Hitchingbrooke. from Cambridgeshire, were left stranded when their

minibus caught fire on a motorway, while Culford, from Suffolk, were depleted when half of their team became lost somewhere in Hampshire. Bryanston, the holders, had a good day. They demolished St Paul's 45-14, beat Stowe 26-14 and edged past a powerful Caterham side 17-10 in their first game of the day.

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10; Fethram Blacksheep 5 Sealond 41; SI
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Blacksheep 5 Portsmouth 22; Fethram
Blacksheep 5 Rannoch 25; Portsmouth 0
Sealond 19; SI Edward's, Oxford 31
Sealond 17; Portsmouth 7 Rannoch 17.
GROUP J: Bristol 12 Cemterd 24; Culford 0
Venulem 21; Bristol 27 Venulem 7: Cantord 33 King's, Tauriton 14, Bristol 36
Culford 0; King's, Tauriton 41 Venulem 7;
Cantord 40 Venulem 7; King's, Tauriton 52
Culford 0
GROUP K: Clavesmore wo Woodfordos:

Cuttord 0
GROUP K: Clayesmore wo Woodbridge;
Cotle's 10 King Edward's, Bath 7;
Woodbridge 7 King Edward's, Bath 19;
Clayesmore 21 Ryde 12; Clayesmore 8
Colle's 26, Woodbridge 28 Ryde 14;
Woodbridge 5 Cotle's 20; Ryde 17 King
Edward's, Bath 28, Clayesmore 28 King
Edward's, Bath 28, Clayesmore 28 King
Edward's, Bath 17, Ryde 14 Cotle's 27

Barnard Castle 24.
GROUP Nt. King s., Worcester 12
Loughborough 24; Reading 5 Rugby 42;
king s., Worcester 14 Rugby 10;
Loughborough 14 Sherborne 24,
Loughborough 19 Reading 17; King s,
Worcester 28 Sherborne 7; King s,
Worcester 56 Reading 0; Sherborne 12
Rugby 33; Loughborough 22 Rugby 22;
Sherborne 36 Reading 12 Sherborne 36 Reading 12 GROUP Cr. Mile Hill 5 St. George's, Weybridge 36: Pengbourne 19 Monmouth 10; Mill Hill 12 Monmouth 36; St George's, Weybridge 40 Torquey 0; St. George's, Weybridge 40 Familia 14 Pengbourne 26; Torquey 40; Mill Hill 14 Pengbourne 26; Torquey 12 Monmouth 19: St. George's, Weybridge 38 Monmouth 14: Torquey 27 Pengbourne 2; CROULD 8: Medicin 5 Medicanceth 20:

College 55: Rutteth 0 Churcher's 48; Gordano 7 Christ College 40; Gordano 19 Churcher's 17: Christ College 38 Bedford Modern 12; Rutteth we Bedford Modern; Christ College 28 Churcher's 14

Christ College 28 Churcher's 14
GROUP S: Uppingham 17 St John's.
Leatherhead 7; Dover 0 Si Bees 50;
Uppingham 31 St Bees 0; St John's.
Leatherhead 41 Hereford Cathedral 5; St John's, Leatherhead 41 Dover 0
Uppingham 19 Hereford Cathedral 5; Olippingham 19 Hereford Cathedral 0
Uppingham 47 Dover 0; Hereford Cathedral 5 Si Bees 31; St John's, Leatherhead 7
St Bees 24; Hereford Cathedral 29 Dover 5

St Bees 24. Hereford Cathedral 29 Dover 5.
GROUP T: Kent College wo Howard of
Effingham, Cronleigh 38 King's, Ely 7;
Howard of Effingham wo King's, Ely, Kent
College 29 Taurition 7; Kent College 10
Cranleigh 28; Howard of Effingham wo
Taurition; Howard of Effingham wo
Taurition; Howard of Effingham wo
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College 15 King's, Ely 12, Taurition 0
Cranleigh 25.

GROUP V: Bethery wo Hinchingbrooke; Skinners 7 Radley 31; Hinchingbrooke wo Radley; Bethary 10 Monition Comba 22; Bethary 28 Skinners 24; Hinchingbrooke wo Monition Combe; Hinchingbrooke wo Skinners; Monition Comba 12 Radley 38; Bethary 0 Radley 27; Monition Comba 12 Skinners 38

Skinners 38
GROUP W: Chaltenham 29 Davenant Foundation 5; Goff's 31 Halliford 0; Chaltenham 49 Halliford D. Davenant Foundation 14 Giggleswick 22; Davenant Foundation 5 Goff's 32; Cheltenham 19 Giggleswick 7; Cheltenham 10 Goff's 19; Giggleswick 40 Halliford 7; Davenant Foundation 7 Halliford 12; Giggleswick 14 Goff's 26

KNOCKOUT STAGE (winners of adjacent

GOLF

Carter gets back in the swing

DAVID CARTER, who had to undergo emergency brain sur-gery on the eve of the Dubai Desert Classic three weeks ago, returned to his home in Chesterfield yesterday and immediately started hitting golf balls again.

Carter was discharged from hospital in Dubai on Saturday and flew back to Britain with his parents, who had travelled out to the Middle East after being told of his collapse.

He was found unconscious by other players in his hotel room and had to have an operation to remove fluid from his brain. Carter, 24, was talking later the same day and said that a bang on his head coming down a water slide in Sun City, South Africa, two weeks earlier had been followed by headaches and

Subsequent tests, however, have shown that he had a virus and infection. His father. Bryan, said: "David will be taking it easy for a while, but he went out to hit two or three dozen balls this afternoon and hit them quite well." The family runs a driving range.

Carter, who was runner-up in the Cannes Open last year, hopes to repire to the PGA European Tour in that event in four weeks' time.

BOWLS

Day of glory for new order

YOUNG bowlers dominated the British Isles women's indoor championships at Perth yesterday, when Sandy Hazell, of Mote Park, and Caroline McAllister, from Lochwinnoch, reached the singles final and Mandy Jacklin and Catherine Anton. from Peterborough, won the pairs (David Rhys Jones writes).

In the semi-finals, McAllister, 28, beat Phillis Nolan. the Ireland champion, 21-20, and Hazell, 31, defeated Ann Sutherland, the Wales champion, 21-16. Jacklin, 30, and Anton, 31, edged home 28-24 against Belle Dunlop and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, who have won the world outdoor pairs title three times in succession.

end against Blantyre, and Ogwr pipped Belfast 18-17 in



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Liverpool seek to stem Norwegian flow

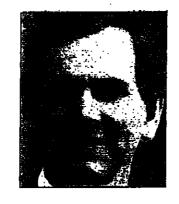
orway has about one human being to every 14 in England. It can count on daylight hours in which to practise football in roughly similar proportions. Yet, consider the effect that this sparselypopulated Scandinavian country has on our national game.

Manchester United expect to progress to the semi-finals of the European Cup tomorrow, almost certainly with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer in attack, and perhaps with Ronnie Johnsen in defence or midfield. Liverpool will reach the same stage of the Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday, with the help of their most consistent player, Stig Inge Bjornebye, if they can overcome the Norwegian resis-tance of SK Brann. Indeed, one of Liverpool's worries is that their reliable defender. Bjorn Tore Kvarme, having helped Rosenborg to progress to the quarter-finals at the expense of AC Milan, is cup-tied.

So, the two clubs of England in whom European hopes are invested, have clear Norwegian connections. Newcastle United, who play in the Uefa Cup in Monte Carlo tonight, have no Norwegian: perhaps that is one of their failings. In these players, and other talented exports such as Lars Bohinen. Oyvind Leonhardsen, Steffen Iversen, Erland Johnsen and Alf Inge Haaland, Norway has the nucleus of a considerable international side playing in the FA Carling Premiership.

Yet, the Norwegians also continue to challenge the practices of the sporting business. The Brann team at Anfield on Thursday night will be accompanied by a couple of sulking senior professionals. Jan Ove Pedersen would have been in their midfield, Birkir Kristinsson, an Icelandic goalkeeper, would have been their last line of defence. But they claim that mismanagement in the club's administration offices has cost them not only the chance of a lifetime to play Liverpool, but potentially millions in what they call "the shopping window of the century for Brann players".

Pedersen, or rather his solicitor, is claiming £100,000 in damages against his own club. Kristinsson wants £00,000. Why? Because the club failed to re-register their contracts in time for the pair to oppose Liverpool in this two-legged quarter**ROB HUGHES**



Overseas View

final. The club has tacitly admitted culpability by offering the players £2,500 apiece, a sum rejected as derisory. Their colleagues, who stand at I-I after the first leg in Norway, will collect £5,000 per man if they defeat Liverpool and £30,000 each should they go all the way in the Cup Winners' Cup. Moreover, their centre forward,

somebody in England to add him to the live in Norwegians here. Flo, whose agent has recived a £150,000per-year offer for Flo to stay at Brann, believes he can make ten times that in England and is mindful of Liverpool's likely search for a replacement for the £8,5 million misfit, Stan Collymore, this summer. In terms of fitness, in terms of

scoring at Anfield, and of persuading

desire to succeed and of reliability of temperament, Flo, like many of his countrymen, does not doubt that the English league is his natural habitat. It is not the feel of English money alone that they come for — it is the roar of the English crowds . . . crowds that increasingly have Scandinavian participation. Liverpool, for example, has a supporters club branch in Norway that numbers 17,000, some of whom are season ticket-holders.

They travel in the spirit of Bjorge Lillelien, the now deceased broadcaster, who in 1981 greeted Norway's 2-1 defeat of England in the World Cup with the unforgettable line: "Sir Winston Churchill, Queen Elizabeth, Lord Nelson, Clement Attiee, Lord

Tor Andre Flo, the younger brother of Jostein Flo, has realistic dreams of your boys took a hell of a beating! They did, and it happened again in 1993 when the Norwegians eliminated Graham Taylor's England from the World Cup. No fewer than seven of that Norwegian II came to make their fortunes with English clubs. with Bjornebye, Leonhardsen and Bohinen outstanding performers,

week in, week out. Of course, this country of 4.2 million people was proficient at the game long before England became their victims. A bronze medal at the 1936 Olympic Games is testimony to that. Neither is it the case that Norwegians become attracted to our game because they find it so easy. Roger Dahl, who helps to run the Liverpool Supporters' Club in Scandinavia, became addicted to Liverpool in 1974 when, as a boy, he marvelled at the team containing Kevin Keegan as it demolished Stromsgodet Drammen II-0 in the Cup Winners' Cup at Anfield.

An omen? A similar landslide on Thursday would help to redress the imbalance of personnel and money that has come singularly from Norway ever since.

RADIO CHOICE

On the banks of Ole Miss'

Novel America. Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00am.

Writers to Radio 4's Feedback have been complaining for several weeks that the BBC is obsessed with the US. I think this is a slight weeks that the BBC is obsessed with the US. I think this is a slight exaggeration and I am mystified as to why these complaints arise most the BBC has always had a strong interest in matters American, for the simple reason that the world's largest economy (and its largest cultural exporter) is bound to attract more interest than, say, religiously the important thing is quality and this series, in which artin Wainwright has been looking at America from the perspective of four novels, is outstanding. Today he discovers what became of Tom Sawyer in an evocative journey to the banks of the Mississippi.

The Curves of Clio. Radio 3, 8.00pm. A View From Genesis is a most original and absorbing playlet by David Pownall and adds even more to the lustre of this series of short programmes which provide a nice change of rhythm in the Radio 3 evening schedule. The story has Hitler sending Eva Braun to Africa to meet Albert Schweitzer, who takes Braun to see the head of a cannibal tribe which has been terrorising Schweitzer's charges. The hope is that a woman who can influence Hitler might also influence the cannibal chief, whose name is Give-A-Dam. The outcome is less straightforward. Matilda Ziegler plays Braun and Hugh Dickson is Schweitzer. Listen out, as they say, for Einstein, Eisenstein and

FOOTBALL

Waddle returns to **Premiership** with Sunderland

By Richard Hobson and Russell Kempson

FOUR days later and around 170 miles further north than he expected, Chris Waddle returned to the FA Carling Premiership yesterday when he joined Sunderland for £75,000 after Bradford City reluctantly acknowledged that he would not play for them again. Ironically, he will make his debut on Saturday against Nottingham Forest, the club he thought he was joining last

Thursday.
Waddle is with the BBC's commentary team in Monte Carlo for the Uefa Cup quarter-final, second-leg tie be-tween Newcastle United and AS Monaco. He agreed terms with Sunderland before his departure. His contract is for the remaining seven games of the season only, though Waddle will be happy to extend his stay if Sunderland remain in the Premiership. They have promised to play a match at Bradford's Pulse Stadium during the summer as part of the

Geoffrey Richmond, the Bradford chairman, insisted on Saturday that Waddle would see out his contract with the Nationwide League first division club, which would have expired at the end of the season. The player believed that Bradford had reneged on a verbal agreement allowing him to leave on a free transfer if a Premiership club expressed an interest.

Distraught that his move to Forest had fallen through, he pulled out of the squad for the game against Reading on Saturday, citing illness, and Richmond changed his stance as the reality of the situation dawned. "If a player does not want to play then you cannot force him, whether he is under contract or not." Richmond said yesterday.

Richmond denied that his approach had changed now that a club has come in with a cash offer. Dave Bassett, the Forest general manager, said

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signing Waddle on a free transfer. Waddle, 36, is a short-term signing but Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, is desperate for somebody who can make an immediate impact after the 6-2 defeat against Chelsea on Sunday. His side are sixth from bottom of the Premiership, just three points away from the relegation zone.

Police are investigating allegations from Southampton supporters that Patrick Vieira, the Arsenal midfield player, made obscene gestures towards them during Arsenal's 20 win at The Dell on Saturday. "We received half a dozen complaints from fans after the match," Dave Atwill, a Hampshire police spokesman, said.

Alexander Manninger, the Austria Under-21 and Casino Graz goalkeeper, arrived in London yesterday to spend two days on trial with Arsenal. Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, is due to talk with counterpart, about a possible El million move for the highly rated 19-year-old.

The Football Association will not be taking action over crowd trouble during the Bristol derby at the Memorial Ground on Sunday, which Bristol City won 2-1. "We are satisfied it was an isolated incident which was promptly dealt with." Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said.

Steffen Iversen, the Tottenham Hotspur and Norway Under-2) striker, will learn today if his season is over. He damaged knee ligaments in the I-0 win against Leeds United on Saturday and was due to have an X-ray on the injury last night.

Women's contest heats up



Irina Slutskaya, of Russia, the European title-holder, throws herself into her routine during the qualifying round at the world figure skating championships in Lausanne, Switzerland. Slutskaya qualified in third place in her group but it was the other group that created the excitement as it was topped by Tara Lipinski, of

the United States, who thus improved her chances of becoming, at 14 years and nine months, the youngest women's champion. Sonja Henje, of Norway, was a month older when she won her first title in 1927. Lipinski, from Sugarland, Texas, who stands at 4ft 8in, finished fifteenth in the championships last year.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 52 CABRE

(a) In aeronautics, an aeroplane flying tail-down. From the French cabre, of a horse, capering, rearing on its hind legs. 1910:

"I was alarmed lest my biplane should suddenly do a cabre (fall backwards) if I kept her climbing."

CERUMEN

(c) The yellow wax-like secretion in the external canal of the ear. From the Latin ceru wax. Greek keroumenos formed of wax. 1741: "The cerumen of the ears is of a watry consistence."

(c) A name for white lead, a mixture or compound of carbonale and hydrate of lead. Largely used as a white paint of comerity also in medicine for ointments. Especially as a paint or cosmetic for the skin. Possibly from the Greek keroussa a contraction for

CERVELAT

(a) A kind of short, thick sausage. Hence applied to a musical instrument, a short reed instrument, resembling the bassoon in

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6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jmmny Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Siewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 As Time Goes By, Bob Larbey's adaptation of his television sit with Tom Baker (2/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em Steve Medden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, Includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00pm Ruscos on Five 4.00 Julian Worricker Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match Newcastle v AS Monaco in the Major Newcaste V As Monaco in the quarter-linals of the Uefa Cup 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra with Valerie Sanderson 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanna 2.00em Up All Night

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VIRGIN RADIO

Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air. Includes
Mendelssohn (Piano
Concerto No 1 in G minor):
Luloslawski (Symphory No
3); Rachmarinov (The Rock)
9.00 Morning Collection, with
Peter Hobday. Includes Faure
(Masques et Bergamasques);
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Turina (Circulo)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Main Nicolson. Includes Galantes); Mozart (Piano Sonata in F, K533)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Henry Cowell 1.00pm Academy of St Martin in the Fields, under Kenneth

Eldredge, cello (r) 2.15 Ensemble(r)
3.00 Purcell and the Famed Italian Masters (1/3)
3.45 Smart to be Smart. The

remembers his student days 3.50 The BBC Orchestras. BBC

Philharmonic under Odaline de la Martinez. With Sophle Langdon, violin, Richard Watkins, horn (r)

5.00 Music Machine
5.15 in Tune
7.30 Pebble Mill. Philippa Davies, flute, Maggle Cole, harpsichord. Bach (Flute Sonata in E flat, BWV1031); Steven Dodgson (Three Inventions for Harpsichord, Set 5); C.P.E. Bach (Flute Sonata in E) 8.00 The Curves of Clio: A View from Genesis. See Choice 8.20 Concert,

See Choice 8.20 Concert,
part 2. Bach (Flute Sonata in.
B minor)

9.15 Paperback Writers (2/5)

9.40 Steps in Time. BBC Concert
Orchestra, under Barry
Wordsworth. Liadov (Contes
Russes), Baba Yaga
(Kürimora): Auric (Les
Facheux)

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10.45 Night Waves. The critic Homi K. Bhabhe telks to Patrick Wright
11.30 Composers of the Week:

Campra, Clérambault end — Montéclair (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes, Digby Fainweather introduces a

session from Spirit Leve 1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 10.00 News; Novel America (FM),

See Choice 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10,30 Woman's Hour 11,30 Medicine Now

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12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Booked! 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Books and Company

(2/8) (r) 2.30 But I Know What I Like (6/6) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoor Paul Vaughan sees a

collection of pantings by Monet at the National Gallen 4.45 Short Story: The Perfect Crime (Crime Stories), by Susan Donnelly

Susan Donnelly 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 No Commitments, Simon Brett's comedy series following the lives of three sisters(1/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 America Atlanta

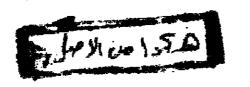
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racialised science (4/5)
9.00 In Touch, with Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

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10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Duel,
by Joseph Corrad (2/5)
11.30 World of Mouth (FM), with
Russell Davies (5/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News inci 12.27am Weather
12.30am The Late Book: The
Hobbit Michael Hordem
continues his reading of the
classic laritasy adventure by
J.R.R. Tokien (12/15) (r)
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SKY MOVIES

8.00am The Major and the Minor (1942) (8598) 8.00 Tom and Jerry: The Movie (1983) 22302) 10.00 EvR Under the Sun (1981) (17883) 12.00 The Air Up There (1994) (12925) 2.00pm Abandoned and Deceived (1995) (87165) 4.00 The File on Thelma Jordan (1996) (7437) 8.00 A Feest & Midnight (1884) (67302) 8.00 Twins (1998) (79147) 10.00 One Tought Sustaird (1998) (73147) 10.00 One Tought Sustaird (1998) (53538) 3.00 Cabin Boy (1894) (53539) 3.00 Cabin Boy (1894) (555394) 4.20 The Air Up There (1994) (855394)

We have an inalienable right to be gullible Sometimes when you are watching telly, it's hard to cling to that sweet old notion with an electronic car-implant who starts picking up a message from aliens, begging for help. She that Western civilisation is based doesn't pick up Radio 4 un FM, on enlightenment. Last night the incidentally, because obviously that's much harder. Anyway, by American series The Outer Limits turned up on BBC2 - not the old paranoid hokum from the 1960s of happy accident she falls in with a mop-wielding stranger at the hosthe same title, but brand-new pital, who is a Nasa astrophysicist paranoid hokum for the 1990s.

> rooftop device that would fuse the lights of Swindon. For anybody who refuses to believe in aliens, a life addressing popular culture is increasingly tough these days. One's hopes are raised for a new angle on real life, and that new angle is? Right, oh yes, aliens. It's always the same plot - believers versus sceptics, with the latter looking hopelessly small-minded. "I know it sounds

preposterous!" pleaded our janitor

down on his luck. When the aliens

demand a big laser machine to be

made, this janitor just knocks one

up. One minute it's a few compo-

nents in a box, the next it's a

reassured him.) "But I'm an astrophysicist, you have to believe me!" There is no sound in all the

Universe," said the concluding doomy voice-over, "that can be heard unless somebody listens." And with that specious message, The Outer Limits blasted off into the night. We are raising a generation who don't laugh at stuff like this, They shake their heads, and mutter: "No smoke without fire".

Isewhere on telly last night, we could meet aliens of a slightly more mundane character. Channel 4's Cutting Edge: Jilted was a light film by Russell England about a number of unlucky people led halfway to the altar and then abandoned. The unworn wedding dress was a repeated motif, as were sentimental Mantovani strings, and a fictional wedding of the flawless,

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Unfortunately, Jilted didn't reveal anything profound about love, but it did suggest that people were sometimes more in love with the wedding than with the other person. "You can always get a divorce after a year," Amanda's mother supportively counselled her when her tootsies got cold. But strangely enough, this was not sufficient persuasion, and Amanda cancelled her big day. She still

feels like a criminal. "Surely it's worse to go through with it?" she reasons. But Amanda now lives with dogs and cats — the implication being that she's a bit too

choosy for her own good.
Other couples in Jilred included the alarming Claire and Tony, who had met by correspondence when Tony was in prison for armed robbery. "That's Tony," said Claire proudly, showing a blurry newspaper picture of her sweetheart in a balaciava, caught in the act by a security camera. Claire is overweight, Tony chainsmokes. When Tony jilted her, she recovered her self-esteem by logging on to the Internet for more remote romance, this time with the new, sexy identity of "Demi Lee". Astonishingly, Demi's popularity makes Claire happy. "WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?" ask her corres-

Jilted was sensitive enough not to humiliate the walking wounded, surely begged for more analysis. Now that she and Tony are back together, she is noticeably still tapping the keys at the living-room table. Which is a bit odd, I must

THEY OU SED

The third episode of Kavanagh QC (ITV) took on war crimes, and was again rather good. Frederick Treves was cast as a retired Polish doctor in England accused of conducting frightful experiments at Dachau. Preparing his prosecution case with history books. John Thaw grieved for humanity a lot, wearily pinching the bridge of his nose and shaking his locks. There was never much doubt of Treves's guilt: there was just trouble proving it. The Internet cropped up again.

with Kavanagh's teenage son downloading video-clips and watching them aghast in the dark. Terribly bad for the eyes, that,

late-night reading by little lamps. In McCallum (as several people wrote to point out), they did autopsies in the dark, too. A thought occurs: is ITV drama perhaps in the pay of the specs

The second series about the twentysomething house-sharing solicitors, This Life (BBC2) picked up precisely where the first left off, but it had no choice in the matter. There are rules to soap opera, and one of them is no captions that say "One year later". So, Miles and Anna have been to bed; Egg's dad has moved on; Warren is anxious (as always). The hand-held camera isn't strictly necessary, but the occasional art-school lapses certainly accord with the subjectmatter - of young ambitious people eagerly reinventing the wheel. In terms of soap, of course, Pauline Fowler could eat this lot

BBC1

Moreover, The Outer Limits has

been cunningly scheduled at 9pm.

thus giving space cadets the oppor-

tunity to switch to Channel 4 at

10pm for Dark Skies. An alien

culture is taking over our tele-vision screens! Resistance is use-

less! Do not attempt to adjust your

There's no point ranting, of course. It's just that it's a bit

humiliating to think of future

generations pointing at the 1990s

and giggling at how primitive we

were. Last night's The Outer Limits was a fairly good story, with

proper actors, about a deaf woman

6.00am Business Breakfast (70811) 7:00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (12499) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (5012302) 9.20 Style Challenge (4376079) 9.45 Kilroy (T) (4049944) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (57499)

11.00 News (T), regional news and weather (6085741) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7677470) 11.35 Change That (8252302) 12.00 News (T), regional news and weather

(7119470) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5150673) 12.30 Going for a Song (6420741) 12.55 The Weather Show (79591505) 1.00 News (T) and weather (15586) 1.30 Regional News (83261050) 1:40 Neighbours (I) (11565857) 2.05 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga

2.50 As Time Goes By (r) (T) (5891708) 3.20 Noble Castles The Norman-built Chepstow Castle. Followed by Science Week: Shapes of the Invisible (4256447)

3.30 Playdays (5027586) 3.50 Casper Classics (6482215) 3.55 Hububb (8266334) 4.10 Prince of Aliantis (T) (1026876) 4.35 Pirates. New series of live-action capers(T) (5064963) 5.00 Newsround (T) (3331166) 5.10 Grange HIII (T) (7363627)

5:35 Neighbours (r) (T) (843963) 6.00 News (1) and weather (147) 6:30 Newsroom South East (499) 7.00 EastEnders Sarah seeks comfort from an unsuspecting source; Ricky's wedd-

ing plans suffer a setback (T) (8760) 7,30 Sportsnight: Newcastle in Europe Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of tonight's Uefa Cup quarter-final second-leg between Monaco and Newcastle United in Monle Carlo. Commentary by John Motson and Chris Hansen and Ruud Guillit (T) (19166)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay and attention 9.30 News (1), regional news and weather

10.00 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988)
Conman Michael Caine makes a career
of seducing and swindling rich women on the French Riviera - until the arrival of Steve Martin as a brash trickster eager for a piece of the action. Also with Glenne Headly and Anton Rogers. Directed by Frank Oz. (1) (590470) WALES: Week in Week Out 10.30 Voices 11.00 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels 12.45am FILM: The

Wizard of Loneliness 2.35am News 11.45 The Wizard of Loneliness (1988) with Lukas Haas, Lea Thompson, Lance Guest, John Randolph and Dylan Baker. Guest, John Randolph and Dylan Baker. As the Second World War comes to a close, young Wendell is sent off to stay with his grandparents in Vermont, where he is thrust into a strange world which includes the usual childish problems as well as several disturbing adult secrets. Directed by Jenny Bowen (445741)

1.35am Weather (3443971) VideoPlus+ and the Video PlusCodes VideoPrius+ and the video Princodes
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6.00am Open University: Informer, Eduquer, Divertit? 6.25 Florence (7057437) 6.50 Poetry Language and History (9899166) 7.15 News (1) (7961857) 7.30 Wacky Races (8722499) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (1) (3195673) 8.20 Johnson and Friends (r) (7584050) 8.35 The Record (5788857) 9.00 Standard Grade Modern Studies (5010944) 9.20 The History Collection (4367321) 9.45 Watch (7803215) 10.00 Playdays (29609) 10.30 Come Outside (7827760) 10.45 Science Zone (2130708) 11.05 Space Ark (6086234) 11.15 Le Club (9929079) 11.30 Shakespeare The Animated Tales (1) (4302) 12.00 See Hear! (1) (62321) 12.30pm Working Lunch (99963) 1.00 Teaching Today (13128) 1.30 Showcase (83269692) 1.40 Hotch Potch House (28151741) 2.00 Johnson and Friends (36887128) 2.10 Everyone's Got One (2039321) 3.00 News (1) (4151893) 3.05 Westmitter with Nick Ross (4788876) 3.55 News (7) (4489128) 4.00 Today's 3.55 News (T) (6489128) 4.00 Today's the Day (352) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (296) 5.00 Esther (6166) 5.30 True Romance (271401) 5.50 A Week to

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (833012) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (854876) 7.10 The O Zone (r) (237234)

7.30 From the Edge in Hong Kong, people wishing to leave the colony must leave their disabled children behind (1) (925)

8.00 The House Detectives: Mulberry Cottage The history of a Dorset cottage (5050) 8.30 Food and Drink Allstair Little joins resident chef Michael Barry, and Jilly Goolden discovers the exotic ingredients used to make fruit teas (T) (1857)



Fighting for King and Country (9pm)

9.00 Timewatch: The Boer War — the First Media War Charting the media's role in the first propaganda war, where the press corps included Winston Churchill, Rudyard Kipling and Edgar Wallace (T) (312031) 9.50 A Woman Called Smith Ninetytwo-yearold Margaret Smith recalls her memories and experiences (679437) WALES. Made

10.00 Have I Got Old News for You (r) 10.28 Shapes of the Invisible (991321)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (198505) 11.15 The House Trap Continuing the story of couples faced with repossession

11.55 Weather (953944)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (39838) 1.30am Learning Zone: Diagrams (78567) 2.00 Teaching Today (15258) 4.00 Teaching IT (81616) 4.30 Film Education Romeo and Juliel (36093) 5.00 Inside Europe (16797) 5.30 Film Education

CHOICE

The House Detectives: Mulberry Cottage BBC2, 8,00pm

Here is a cottage in Dorset, Grade II listed and thought to be Georgian. Enter the experts, David Austin, Mac Dowdy and Juliet Miller, with just five days to find out all about it. Starting now, But can the series really be spontaneous? If it is, what happens if the trio are stumped? We have yet to find out and do not do so tonight. On the contrary. In next to no time our pundits have sorted out the age of the cattage (as usual, it is much older than first thought), turned up details of former owners, discovered who planted the ISO-year-old mulberry tree in the garden and offered an explanation for the ghost which was seen passing through the kitchen wall. Television's need to compress may make the investigations look easier than they are, but the material is absorbing.

Timewatch: The Boer War — The First Media War BBC2, 9,00pm

In arguing that the Boer War was the first to be fought under the gaze of the modern media, William Cran's documentary points to the emergence towards the end of the 19th century of moving film and popular journalism. But this could work both ways. On the one hand it alerted public opinion at home to British military disasters and the scandal of the concentration camps. But it was also ripe for manipulation. Lord Roberts, the Commander-in-Chief, used a mixture of charm and censorship to ensure that the press gave the most favourable coverage and there was no shortage of propaganda films showing the Boers as brutal and devious. Journalists later famous in other areas, such as Winston Churchill and Edgar Wallace, did their best to maintain the integrity of their craft.

Witness: Loss of Innocence Channel 4, 9,00pm

Leanne Klein's calm and thoughtful documentary suggests that we may be getting so obsessed with child abuse that acts of what used to be regarded as parental tenderness are being condemned as tantamount to sexual assault. We hear about a father who will not undress his young daughter any more, or even brush her hair, in case his actions are misinterpreted. The man came under investigation after his daughter, aged three, made a chance remark about him to the leader of her playgroup. But the film is not an attack on police and social workers, so much as an attempt to explain the difficulties they face. They are bound to follow up allegations, and the camerafollow them as they do so, but usually the evidence is insufficient. This is little comfort to those who have fallen under suspicion and still carry the stigma.

Network First: Stolen Brides ITV, 10.40pm

It is a story that hardly seems to belong to the late 20th century. Nadia and Zana, two Birmingham girls aged 14 and 15, were sent by their father to a remote village in Yemen where they were forced into marriage. After eight years Zana escaped back to England, where she was joined by her mother. Miriam, and brother, Mo. in extraordinary efforts to release her sister. The film charts a Office, the media and the courts, but without success, and finally ended in a bizarre attempt to hire a team of former American commandos to mount a rescue. The girls father, who came to Britain from Aden and ran a fish and chip shop, believes he has done the right thing, saying it is his culture and his family and it is not for others to judge.

Peter Waymark

HIV 6.00am GMTV (6423418)

9.25 Chain Letters (T) (4344470) 9.55 Regional News (T) (5143857) 10.00 The Time, the Place (94505) 10.30 This Morning (73397186) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (7115654)

12.30 News (T) and weather (6455437) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79587302) 12.55 Shortland Street (6430128) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (47365944) 1.50 Alternoon Live (11570789) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (56522296) 2.50 Atternoon Live

3.20 News (1515993)

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3.25 Regional News (1006924) 3.30 Potamus Park (r) (9816073) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (9589586) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9578470) 4.00 Scooby Doo (r) (2391215) 4.15 Hey Arrold! (T) (1010215) 4.40 Frighteners. Last in series

(T) (4956050) 5.10 Bagdad Cafe (5293031) 5.40 News (I) and weather (776811)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (860166) 6.25 HTV Weather (746147) 6.30 HTV News (T) (895) 7.00 Emmerdale (T) (5988)

7.30 The Learning Curve A guide to the best in schools and colleges. Tonight's pro-gramme looks into citzenship in Caine, the criteria and procedure for getting a child statemented for special needs in Somerset, new-style sports education in Weston and a visit to a nursery in Wiltshire set up with the help of the voucher 8.00 The Bill A motorist responsible for two

assaulted (1) (9876) 8.30 Loved by You Michael arranges a

nostalgic get-together with a former girllriend (T) (8383)



Gary and Abby Mavers (9pm)

9.00 Peak Practice An old friend of Andrew's turns up unexpectedly in Cardale, bearing news which threatens to change both their lives forever. With Gary Mavers and his real-life daughter Abby (T) (7505) 10.00 News (T) and weather (67876)

10.30 Regional News (T) (589963) 10.40 Network First Stolen Brides A harrowing account of a British mother's efforts to free her two teenage daughters, forced into brutal marriages in Yemen (1) (663234) 11.40 Highlander (873944)

12,35am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5538906) **1.05** Ed's Night Party (6038528) **1.30** Stand and Deliver (93432) **2.30** The Chart Show (4511161) 3.25 Coach (38361068) 3.50 Footbal Extra (3881613) 4.30 The Time, the Place (30819) 5.00 The Village Show (10991) 5.30 News (76548)

As HTV West except

5.20 Asian Eye (8025703)

12,55pm-1,25 A Country Practice (6430128) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5293031) 6.25-7.00 Central News (102925) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (609) 11.40 Central Sports Special (522708)

12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club 1.10 Football Extra (8903161) 1.55 Film: Thunder Run (4453258) 3.25 in Focus (7550797) 4.10 Central Jobfinder '97 (4147155)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 illuminations (7115654) 12.55-1.25 Wish You Were Here? (6430128) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5293031)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry News (82168) 7.30-8.00 Rosemoor (609)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (5293031) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (215) 6.30-7.00 Michael Barry's Undiscovered

Cooks (895) 7.30-8.00 Servé You Right Live (609) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (873944) 5.00am Freescreen (10991)

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As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (6430128) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5293031) 6.23 Anglia Weather (747876) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (102925) 7.30-8.00 Homemaker (609)

11.40 Swift Justice (873944) Starts: 6.00cm Sesame Street (33079) 9.00 Bewitched (44925) 9.30 Ysgolion (596925) 12.00 House to House (64789) 12.30pm Ellen (84031) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (33316)

1.30 Film: Pennies from Heaven (32234) 3.00 Collectors' Lot (6789) 3.30 Montel Williams (673) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (708)

4.30 A Cook on the Wild Side (692) 5.00 5 Pump (1234) 5.30 Countdown (944) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (484895)

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9.00 Cutting Edge (5147) 10.00 Brookside (404418) 10,35 Dark Skies (641012) 11.30 The Goldring Audit (47321) 12,30am Hill Street Blues (5782600) 1.25 For the Love Of (4717906)

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9.30 Schools (596925) Eurekal Ancient Egypt (T) 9.45 Stop Look Listen (T) 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 Robert Burns 10.25 How We Used to Live (T) 10.45 Ouest (T) 11,00 Science in Focus. Energy and Sound (T) 11.20 Stage One Materials We Need Plastic (T) 11.37 Lost Animals 11.45 First Edition

12.00 House to House Political magazine (64789) 12.30pm Baby it's (3/6) (1) (7) (84031) 1.00 Ellen (7) (33316) 1.30 Juliet's Balcony. The tamous Verona balcony (48630695)

1.35 Wee Willie Winkle (1937, b/w) with Shirley Temple, Victor McLaglen and C. Aubrey Smith. A fantasy adventure, adapted from the book by Rudyard Kipling, directed by John Ford (T) (19168215)

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (673) 4.00 Fifteen-To-One (T) (708) 4.30 Countdown (T) (692) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (1234) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (944)

6.00 Friends A power failure leaves Chandler trapped in a bank with only a gorgeous model for company (r) (T) (868708) 6.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped with guests Davina McCall, Neil Hannon, C.P. Grogen and Sonia (843499) 6.55 Fresh Pop (799499)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (321383) 7.55 Black Holes of Science Professor how glue works (632925)



The great crested grebs (8pm)

8.00 Wild Britain: Dancers on Still Waters Charting the courtship of the great crested grebe (T) (2/6) (7418) 8.30 Brookside Bel tries to persuade Ollie not

to give up on his family (T) (6925) 9.00 Witness: Loss of Innocence A look at investigations into child abuse (1) (5147)

10.00 My Breast (1994) Meredith Baxter as the she has breast cancer. Directed by Betty Thomas (T) (523708) 11.45 Film Night The documentary film-maker Errol Morris (315505)

12.25am Pick Up on South Street (1953, b/w) with Richard Widmark and Jean Peters A pickpocket becomes unwittingly involved in a Cold War plot after stealing a walket. Directed by Samuel Fuller (2298600) 1.55 Uniderworld USA (1960, b/w) A revenge

drama with Cliff Robertson and Dolores Dom. Directed by Sam Fuller (237838) 3.45 White Rabbits Award-winning short about a conjuror (67448838) 4.00 Schools (744345)

5.35 Almost Complete History of the 20th Century The changing role of women (8607906). Ends at 6.00

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (919147) 9.00 Regas and Kathie Lee (70012) 10.00 Another World (62418) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (42664) 12.00 Opnin Winthey (23302) 1.00pm Garatido (34050) 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (31050) 8.00 Jenny Jones (41876) 4.00 Opnin Winthey (23303) 5.00 Star Treix Next Generation (2505) 8.00 Real TV (8895) 6.30 Marred — with Children (9147) 7.00 The Simpsons (3234) 7.30 Mr4-S*H (8031) 3.00 Police Stopi 3 (9654) 8.30 Real TV UK (8790) 9.00 Police Ferness (60499) 10.00 Linsolved Mysteries (83969) 11.00 Serins Scott Tonight (21012) 11.30 Star Treix Next Generation (68437) 12.30am LA P D. (7258) 1.00 Hill Mik (1704109)

7.00pm Herrules; The Legendary Journeys (8729741) 8.00 Xerns: Warrior Princess (6745789) 9.00 Pacific Blue (6725925) 10.00 Models Inc (6728012) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (6359215) 12.00 HB Mix Long Play (9159155)

Worldwide news coverage, with bullstins on

6.00em Ched Hanna (1940) (92470) 8.00 Around the World in 80 Days (1994) (2094) 10.00 Imhalon of Like (1959) (16925) 12.00 Walse Up and Dream (1945) (43895) 2.00pm Bandii (1994)

6.00pm Te Kill a Mockingbird (1962) (96032692) 8.10 Clue (1985) (63391321) 18.00 Big Trouble in Little China (1985) (330440) 11.45 These Footish Things (1980) (1893321) 1.35am The Pick-Up Arthat (1987) (17306857) 3.00-5.20 Henry V (1989) (30354884)

9.00pm The Wizerd of Oz (1938) (92827741) 11.00 Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942) (81128789) 1.00 Galety George (1948) (84445600) 2.45-5.00 The Wizerd

6.30 Footbell Hall of Fame (7321) 7.90 NBA (12437) 8.59 Sports Centre (966708) 9.00 Formula Three (91883) 10.00 Sports Centre (24708) 10.30 Footballers Footbell Show (75296) 11.30 Formula Three (99321) 12.39 NML (22066) 1.30 Footbellers Footbell Show (73616) 2.30-3.00 Sports Centre (30529)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Live International Cricket (68331673) 3.30pm Live International Cricket (93135129) 8.00 Rebel Sports (32029925) 9.30 Football Hall of Ferms (53630660) 10.00 NHL (62849963) 11.00-11.30 World

UK GOLD bours (947/5477) 8um Cressions (130012) 8.25 EastEnders (8401944) 9.00 The BW (2952296) 9.30 Bread (2799) 311 10.00 Never the Twan (4356562) 10.30 The Suffivans (2982708) 11.00 Entry (8201050) 12.00 Crossroads (2985769) 12.00pm Neighbours (2700147) 1.00 EastEnders (9973483) 1.35 The Let Disson Stort (7411168) 2.15 Dick Emery Short (85439079) 2.20 The Micres (84451079) 2.50 'Allo 'Allot (3039470) 3.30 The Bd (835338) 4.00 All Creations (Groit and Small (5405673) 5.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game (5648173) 6.05 EastEnders (8737908) 6.40 Air You Boing Server? (359534) 7.20 Russ Abbot (8847429) 8.20 in Sachness and in Health (5605128) 9.00 The Bd (5402857) 9.30 Boon (10594505) 10.35 Love Thy Neighbour (5288741) 11.10 The Best of Top of the Pops (1870760) 11.55 Fill.Mt Disctor in Love (2473532) 1.35am The Album Show (3885529) 2.30 Shopping (2348109)

GRANADA PLUS_ 6.00ats Krypton Factor (2740418) 6.30 hrs Fun to Read (99413857) 6.45 Mague Ball (15737692) 7.00 Alphabet Zoo (4238625) 7.15 hrs Fun to Read (5651789) 7.30 Jack to Pace (6803418) 8.00 Classic Coronation Street (4893505) 8.30 Families (4893676) 9.00 The Professionals (2759166) 10.00 On the Buser, (7988215) 10.30 Brass (4872012) 11.00 Within These Walls (6612165) 12.00 Cassic Coronation Street (4896692) 12.30pm Families Wars (pot 2100) 1230 pm Families (7768012) 1.00 Crown Court (6683654) 1.30 Good Like Goude (7767383) 2.00 Thro Year Neat Year (7998944) 3.00 Upstars Downstars (1791418) 4.00 Dooto Series (6931876) 4.30 On the Buses (6920760) 5.00 The Professionals (6001302) 6.00 Families (6918925) 6.30 Classic Coronation

FOX KIDS NETWORK



(6362900) 8.00 Masked Rider (7330944) 8.30 Crocadoo (7339215) 9.00 Rimba's Island (5521166) 9.25 Why Why Family Island 1552/1169 9.25 Why Why Farmly (2/27/166) 9.30 Zoobliez Zoo (379/1654) 9.55 Why Why Farmly (4389924) 10.00 Rimba's Irland (7650091) 10.25 Why Why Farmly (5946673) 10.30 Zoobliez Zoo (96670654) 10.55 Why Why Farmly (927:9418) 11.00 Phincess Starts (2891470) 11.30 Phinciphia (289499) 12.00 Billy the Car (7333/81) 12.30pna VR Troopers (29893505) 12.50 Power Rangers (2987)741) 1.10 Masked Rider (25479321) 1.30 Ac: Ventura (6125760) 2.00 Caspe (44K5673) 2.30 Life with Louis (3609924) (4485673) 2.50 Life Wint Code (50055504) 3,00 Ect. Shevangarra (4404708) 3.30 Ace Ventura (4154019) 4.00 Casper (9904316) 4.30 Power Rangers (9209168) 5.00 Mask-of Hoder (4476925) 5.30 Spudeman (9019960) 6,00 Goosebumps (2259483) جديدة (9019960) 6,000 G005800mps (6554875) 6,30-7,00 Sweet Valley High (8554875)

6.00am Anno of Green Gables/Road to Avonica (34215) 7.00 Dennis the Menace Ayontoa (39215) 7,000 bennis me Manace (97741) 7,300 bennis he Menace (18876) 8,000 Botman (59418) 8,300 Art Atlack (52789) 9,000 Flash Gordon (32741) 9,30 bubby's World (78031) 10,000 Romaald the Render (80963) 10,300 Robinson Sucroe (38925) 11,00 Danger Mouse (13031) 11,30 Gravedale High (14760) 12,00 Oscar's Orchestra (52505) 12,30pan Haitway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (89147) 1,00 By the Way of the Stars (96012) 1,30 Black Beauty (88416) 2,00 Girl horn Tormorow (3418) 2,30 Ocean Odyssey (8012) 3,00 An Attack (5253) 3,30 Pash Gordon (4447) 4,00 Batman (2862) 4,30-5,00 The Big Dish (8876) **CARTOON NETWORK**

Non-stop cartoons, from **5.00am** to **9.00pm**, includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Firststones NICKELODEON

8.00em Atlack of the Killer Tomatoes (47708) 6.30 Count Duckula (69857) 7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (9592708) 7.15 Hey Amoldh (6690760) 7.30 Rugnats (97550) 8.00 Doug (11234) 8.30 Arthur (10505) 9.00 Children's BBC (65447) 9.30 Chil-dren's BBC (47147) 10.00 Wimcae's House (83437) 10.30 Balbar (90741) 11.00 Mago: School Bus (82147) 11.30 Herro's CofMil (83437) 10.30 Babar (90741) 11.00 Mage: School Bus (82147) 11.30 Henry's Cas/Wil Cwar Cward (12247) 11.30 Henry's Cas/Wil Cwar Cward (12247) 11.30 Barranas In Pryamas (14321) 12.30pm Ltub Bear Stones (41963) 1.00 Children's BBC (9696) 1.30 Children's BBC (9696) 1.30 Children's BBC (96234) 2.30 Wubblooks World of D' Seuss (5234) 2.30 Kusayfur (3334) 3.00 Webbone (4741) 3.30 Stotan' Around (2499) 4.00 Burna the Kid (4234) 4.30 Rugrats (3576) 5.00 Sister (6596) 5.30 Moestra (4470) 6.00 Press Gang (1383) 6.30-7.00 Doug (5963)

TROUBLE 12.00 Heertbreak High (2707050) 1.00pm Medison (8207234) 1.30 Sweel Valley High (2794586) 2.00 Hangtime (4277895) 2.30 Caldonia Dreams (6378234) 3.00 Bytes Govis Special (4256302) 3.30 9-2-5 (6368079) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (6367586) 4.30 Hangtime (6356470) 5.00 Saved by the Bell (4268147) 5.30 Caldomie Dreams (6370056) 6.00 Bytes Grove Dreams (8370050) 6.00 Byker Grove (8377963) 6.30 Madison (8368215) 7.00-8.00 Heartbreak High (3550876)

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3.00mm Joy of Parning (2984168) 9.30 Grow Your Own (2797673) 10.00 Two's Country Cooking (4354234) 10.30 Cur House (2973050) 11.00 Tw It (5413953) 11.30 This Old House (5414692) 12.00 Yan Can Cook (2964302) 12.30pm Graham Ker (2708769) 1.00 Today's Gourmet (8210709) 1.30 Home Again (2790760) 2.00 Hometime (4240741) 2.30 Furniture to Go (8388706) 3.00 Two's Country (4269876) 3.30 This Old House (8351925)

DISCOVERY 4.00cm Rev Hurt (8363760) 4,30 Australia 4.00pm Hzh Huri (2507504) 4.30 Australes Wild (839944) 5.00 Treasure Huriere (4264221) 5.30 Beyond 2000 (8350296) 6.00 Wild Things (2715709) 7.00 Invention (4251857) 7.30 Wonders of Weather (360675) 8.00 Science Frontiers (3552470) 9.00 Extreme Machines (3552234) 10.00 Eco Challenge (3555321) 13.00 Prideoptomic (2707657) 13.00 Sept. 11.00 Professionals (8297857) 12.00 Seawings (2509616) 1.00em Driving Pas (4379364) 1.30 Extremists (8917074)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4,00pm Biography: Jacqueimo Onassis (8035166) 5.00 The Changing Face of Britain (3781789) 6.00 Vietnam. The 10,000 Day War (6213234) 7.00-8.00 Biography: H

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Dalglish faces selection gamble

Uefa Cup dice seem loaded against United

FROM DAVID MADDOCK IN MONTE CARLO

SITTING stiff-backed and stiff-jawed, as uncomfortable with the media as ever, Kenny Dalelish conducted his press conference at Newcastle airport yesterday with the face of a man who had put his money on black only for it to come up red. It was an appropriate pose to strike.

The most revealing word that Dalglish used when questioned about the mood of his Newcastle United team before the second leg of their Uefa Cup quarter-final against AS Monaco here this evening was "apprehensive". Given the location of the match, it was surely the apprehension that a gambler feels before placing his bet.

It is Monte Carlo or bust for the Newcastle manager. Defeat in the tie would, in all probability, signal the end of the club's realistic ambition of

winning a trophy this season. Victory would be achieved against imposing odds. Monaco, a team among the more formidable in Europe, hold a 1-0 lead from the first leg and the absence of Alan Shearer from the Newcastle ranks suggests that it is the red of the home side, not the black of Newcastle, that will pay

In this location there is a certain neatness about the fact that Dalglish is left wondering whether to ignore his natural caution and to take a gamble of spectacular proportions, even by local standards. It is the fitness of Les Ferdinand that taxes Dalglish. The England forward has not yet fully recovered from a hamstring pull, but has once again professed his willingness to

Ferdinand only II minutes as a half-time substitute against Liverpool eight days ago will surely encourage Dalglish's usual

condition of studied reluctance. He does, however, need goals if Newcastle's season is

The Uefa Cup is clearly his team's only realistic hope of a trophy in a campaign that promised so much even as the new year arrived. That is why Ferdinand is prepared to take the risk. "It would be a gamble if I played, that is certain," he said yesterday. "I think it is worth taking the risk because this is a very big game. It is our best hope of getting some-thing out of the season and of course I want to help if I can.

"In the end, though, the decision is out of my hands. I can only say that I want to play and then leave it to the management. They will decide in the end. I trained before the Liverpool game but I hadn't done any jumping and when I jumped it went again. I haven't done any jumping this time either, so we will have to

Predictably, Dalglish was tight-lipped about his line-up, refusing to discuss Ferdinand's fitness and suggesting merely that the form of Monaco, five points clear at the top of the French league, gives



Asprilla: confident

him cause for concern. "We are apprehensive, certainly, but we have to be positive about this tie," Dalglish said. "We go there knowing it will be difficult, but we must have some confidence, too. We go there knowing we still have a chance, it is just that it is a slimmer one after the first

> Newcastle were embar-rassed at St James' Park two weeks ago, but could plead a poverty of striking resources that saw Robert Lee play alone up front. The situation has eased for the return. Most significantly. Faustino Asprilla is available after his European suspension and, in the likely absence of Ferdinand, his presence is certain to be the most influential.

Asprilla has scored five goals in the Uefa Cup this season to become Newcastle's top scorer in the competition and has been a revelation since finally returning to the starting line-up in the FA Carling Premiership match against Southampton three

The Colombian has offered the imagination seriously lacking during the early days of Dalglish's reign and yesterday exuded a confidence that has been singularly absent from the build-up to this

"I know we can win it,"
Asprilla said. "I am happy to
be playing again after injury
and I feel good. I am playing
well and I think I can bring
something to the team for this Monaco may have a false

impression of us after the first leg and we go to France believing that we can find the victory we require. They do not have a good record at home and, even though we are behind, it is only by one goal."

For Dalglish, such confidence may appear to be misplaced, such is the task that lies ahead. He has patched up his differences - until the end of the season at least - with David Ginola, but has inherited a side from Kevin Keegan that has had acute, if not clearly visible, problems. Thus he is expected to deliver this season, despite the need for an immediate and large-scale re-

structuring of the club. it has begun already. Dalglish has restored a reserve and A team to St James' Park, reversing a decision by Keegan to abolish competitive football below first-team level. What the new manager has been unable to do, however, is strengthen a back line illversed in the art of defending. Such a fundamental flaw is likely to be Newcastle's undoing tonight.

Rob Hughes, page 54 Waddle on the move, page 54

be using the latest videotane technology to

help them in their quest to

regain the Ashes this summer. David Lloyd, the England

coach, was given a demon-stration at Old Trafford yes-

that, within minutes of

stumps, can provide him with,

sent down that day by Shane

Warne, or every forward de-fensive executed by Michael

Lloyd, who has long used

edited videotapes to provide

feedback to players, is con-

vinced that the system, which

has already been used to good

effect in other sports, will

enhance England's prepara-

tions and is keen that it should

be implemented in future

internationals. The British

Isles rugby union team is to

use it in South Africa this

"The system can provide us

with more knowledge and

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Waugh's finest hour lifts Australia

FROM JACK BANNISTER IN PORT ELIZABETH

PORT ELIZABETH (fourth day of five): Australia beat South Africa by two wickets

AMID scenes of pandemoni-um among the 12,000 crowd, Australia survived the loss of three wickets in as many overs for seven runs to win the second Test against South Africa by two wickets yesterday. Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, described the victory as "the biggest I've known, by a mile. I've never olaved in a match like it and no other win I can remember

rates with this one." A poor pitch produced one of the most gripping contests imaginable, with South Africa's traditional raw courage and resilience forcing Australia into a corner from which, with one final shove from the home side, they would not have escaped. Drama followed drama during the 34day match, but none so nerveshredding as in the final half-

Mark Waugh had played what he described as easily my best innings, both for Australia and in first-class cricket". His 116 in 338 minutes was his eleventh hundred in his hundredth innings for his country and, coming in at 30 for two, he had steered the team bus to the foot of the victory rostrum at 258 for five,

with 12 needed: He and Michael Bevan had put on 66 and Allan Donald's luckless match continued when Waugh was dropped by Daryll Cullinan at slip on 105 off the second new ball, with

the score at 244. Brian McMillan was handicapped with a badly bruised left heel and Hansie Cronje turned to himself and Jacques Kallis for the final throw. How near to glory they came. Kallis, who came into the

match with one Test wicket, had already dismissed Steve Waugh before lunch and immediately completed the set of twins.

He angled one back through the gate and the great innings was over. Mark Waugh faced 228 balls and hit 74 in boundaries as well as the five off the fielding helmet the previous evening and he walked off to a magnificent ovation. So near to the finishing line - 12 runs with four wickets left.

Two wickets were lost in the next three overs. Bevan was caught at slip off Cronje and Warne went leg-before to Kallis, thanks to two errors by Srinivas Venkataraghavan. the umpire.

The ball hit Warne outside off stump, but that should have been irrelevant because it was yet another clear case of an uncalled no-ball. The former India Test player missed at least half a dozen in the match and at least three

Earlier, the Waugh brothers had settled in under easier batting conditions, compared with the considerable movement of the first three days. They had put on 54 when Kallis came on and Steve Waugh attempted a cover drive that he failed to keep down and Cronje held a fine low catch. Blewett never set-

tions started

batsmen suffered as a result -

Cullinan and Herschelle

Gibbs, on Sunday, and Warne. That second wicket in

five balls for Kallis fired up the

crowd - and the South Africa

players looked ready to charge

through a brick wall.

Jason Gillespie blocked the

rest of the over, then Ian Healy

went the other way from

Wilfred Rhodes and George

Hirst, who decided "to get 'em

in singles". Cronje overpitched

a ball down the leg side and

Healy swung him over long

leg for six. Game, set, match

and series and the celebra-

tled and was yorked by Adams with the score now 192 for five. The feeling at lunch, with 66 still needed, was that if Waugh Jr stayed there, Australia would win.

Afterwards. Cronie said the turning-point came when his side failed to convert an overnight position of 184 for no wicket into an overall lead of between 300 and 350.

Big games often revolve around small incidents, such as the five runs gifted to Mark Waugh off the helmet; the wasteful slogging dismissals of Donald and Adams when ine situation cried out for their to play for Richardson; those uncalled no-balls. A great game, a magnificent finish. For the final Test in Pre-

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toria, which starts on Friday, South Africa have brought in Brett Schultz for the injured Shaun Pollock.

Sidhu at the double, page 48 New Zealand win, page 48

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- - more detail." Lloyd said. "It can lift off specifics about your own team or the opposition. which is ideal for cricket. It could pick out batsmen playing and missing — and help

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summer.

Healy celebrates after hitting a six to secure victory

England rely on video evidence Simon Wilde on the technological advance that will be used to get Australia taped

you find out why - or show a batsman's footwork not working to a particular type of ball, or a bowler's action coilterday of an editing system say, a tape of every flipper

"The ways in which I can see myself using it are to give batsmen and bowlers their own individual tapes, with just their innings or a spell of bowling on it, or to produce tapes on particular opposing bowlers, such as McGrath, Warne or Bevan. The system could be used in an instructional or motivational way. I have a room full of videos at home but this can reduce six

hours to six minutes. "We only get to deal with players for 112 days before each Test match but they could discuss the tapes with their own county coaches." The system, devised by Cas-

tle Sport & Leisure, requires

an operator, who could be a

member of the coaching staff

or even a scorer, to feed

information into a computer,

either by means of a keyboard

or a voice-recognition micro-

each delivery — its length. line and type - and each stroke and any other aspect of play. such as fielding, that a coach wants to analyse.

The time the computer receives the information on each ball is synchronised with a recorded film of the day's play. When the computer is



Lloyd: analytical

SCOREBOARD

- SOUTH AFRICA: First Immigs 209 (B M McMillan 55; J N Gillespie 5 for 54) Second Innings 168 AUSTRALIA: First Immigs 108.
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 S K Werne low b Kallis
 J N Gillespie not out
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- BOWLING: Donald 28-6-75-0; McMil 21-5-46-1, Cronje 9.3-1-36-1, Kaliks 16 29-3, Adams 21-4-66-2

Man of the match, M.E. Waugh. Umpires R.E. Koertzen (South Africa) and S.Venkataraghoven (India)

incidents, it searches the

database for appropriate de-

scriptions and then re-records

them from the original tape:

thus producing the shorter

"coaching" tape. The system, which can also

produce detailed statistical

analysis, has proved popular

in many sports, including Australian Rules and both

rugby codes. It has only

recently been modified for

cricket and the first team to

use it. Western Australia,

qualified for the Sheffield

Shield final at the weekend.

Several county clubs are con-

sidering acquiring it, includ-

ing Lancashire, whose

coaches. Day Whatmore and

John Stanworth, attended the

The system should be oper-

ating for the first Texaco

Trophy match at Headingley

on May 22, but the espionage has already started. Lloyd has

arranged to receive detailed

videotapes of Australia's per-

formances in South Africa

and for cameras to watch

them in their early tour

matches in England. They

are routine tactics these days,"

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